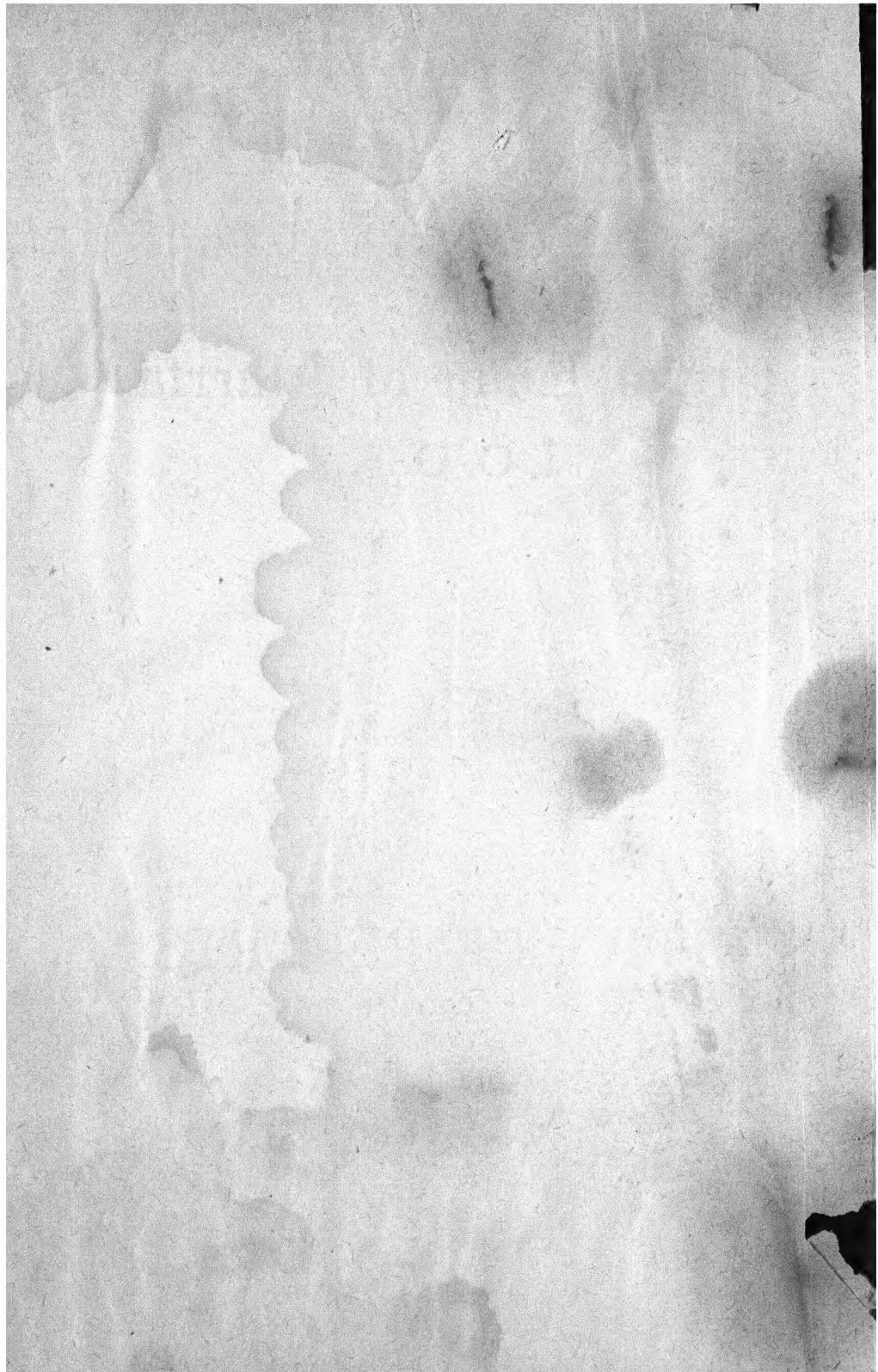


**Grand Lodge of Alberta
I. O. O. F.**



**OFFICERS' REPORTS
1929**



Grand Master's Report

To the Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

With the representation of this report for your consideration, we are assembled in the Twenty-fifth Annual Session of this Grand Lodge for the purpose of reviewing the work of the past year, and of planning for the ensuing one.

It is fitting that we should at this time offer appropriate thanks to our Almighty Father for his manifold blessings, as well as to pray for a continuance of His most gracious favor.

1 To all who are here assembled I extend a most cordial welcome —to our Past Grand Masters whose experience will serve as our guide in times of doubt; to our officers, both elective and appointive; to our representatives of former years who are with us again; and more especially to our representatives who are here for the first time. To these latter I would say, "Brothers, this is your session." You are here as representatives of your respective Lodges, and as such it behooves you to keep in close touch with the proceedings. Remember that your individual votes are each as powerful as that of the oldest member of this Grand Lodge. You will find the proceedings of this Grand Body vastly different from those of your own Lodges. On account of the amount of work to be disposed of, it is necessary that most of it be done in committee, and it will probably take you a while to familiarize yourselves with the procedure. Do not hesitate to ask questions if you are in doubt. Information will be freely given, for I do not wish any Delegate to return to his Lodge with the report that he did not understand what was going on.

My earnest desire is that this Session may be as harmonious and thoroughly enjoyable as that of 1929, and that our deliberations may result in enduring benefits.

2 APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

One of my first duties on assuming office was to confirm by appointment, the recommendations of our various Districts in respect to the office of District Deputy Grand Masters.

A certain amount of delay was experienced, due to the fact that I found it necessary to write a number of Districts for the name of the brother recommended for this position. Had the minutes of each District Meeting been forwarded promptly to the retiring Grand Master, this situation would not have arisen, and I am glad to report that at time of writing, this state of affairs shows a great deal of improvement.

During the year the following supplementary appointments have been made, due to circumstances as noted in each case:

District No. 7. Bro. W. J. Fleming, succeeding Bro. F. W. Timleck, deceased.

District No. 11. Bro. R. S. McMillan, succeeding Bro. C. A. Davis, resigned.

District No. 34. Bro. Jos. Williamson, succeeding Bro. R. J. Hughes, resigned.

I have just been notified of the death of Bro. Jos. Williamson, of District No. 34, who passed away at Edmonton on December 17th. Bro. Jas. Hall, P.D.D.G.M. of this District, has kindly offered to take over the duties of this office for the remainder of the term, in appreciation of which I have asked him to carry on without the formality of issuing him a commission.

It is with feelings of deepest regret that I record the passing of these two brothers from the ranks of our District Deputy Grand Masters. Each of them leaves a record of worthy service in the interests of our Order, and my sincere sympathy is tendered to their families and the members of their Lodges.

Bro. Campbell in his report of last year, stated that he had experienced very little success in obtaining Semi-Annual Reports from his District Deputy Grand Masters. I am pleased to report that there has been a decided improvement in this respect this year, though we should have still better results. Reports for the term ending June 30th are practically complete, but there are still a few Lodges, operating under a yearly term which apparently have the impression they are not required to submit a Semi-Annual Report. This of course is erroneous, and I trust my successor will not have to combat it. I have yet to find a valid reason why the receipt of these reports by the Grand Master should be delayed to the extent it is in many cases. On August 15th I wrote to twenty District Deputy Grand Masters, asking for their reports on forty-five Lodges, so I think you will agree with me that there is room for considerable improvement. Not knowing conditions in all of our Districts from personal observation, I am not in a position to state where the trouble lies, but I would in all sincerity direct your attention to the matter of your recommendations for the office of District Deputy Grand Master. Pick the best member you have, giving regard to his ability, the opportunities he will have to devote the requisite time to his duties, and his knowledge of the duties that will be required of him. Remember that in most cases your Grand Master has nothing to guide him in his appointments but the record of your recommendation.

I hope that none of the foregoing remarks will be construed as over-critical. I have stated the case as it appears to me, not with the object of censuring any individual, but in the hope that my observations will in some small way result in a greater interest being taken in this phase of our work.

I appreciate the work our District Deputies have done during the year, and thank them for it. They often pass out of the picture "unwept, unhonored and unsung," and the consciousness of work performed, of duty done, is often their sole reward. I trust that those of them whom I have met in the course of my official activities, will cherish, as I do, pleasant recollections of our contact.

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DISTRICTS

Early in the year, Etzikom Lodge, No. 128, which had previously asked to be admitted to membership in District No. 3, was at its own request continued in its original District No. 1.

In accordance with the recommendation of my predecessor, and with the consent of the Districts concerned, the following changes have been made:

Waskatenau Lodge, No. 153, transferred from District No. 29 to District No. 28.

Meridian Lodge, No. 62, transferred from District No. 22 to District No. 27.

Ryley Lodge, No. 75, transferred from District No. 26 to District No. 29.

The newly instituted Lodge at Eckville, No. 155, has been placed in District No. 21.

In regard to Bro. Campbell's recommendation that District No. 23 be divided, I would report that I have visited some of the Lodges in this District, and the consensus of opinion is to the effect that the present arrangement is satisfactory.

Suggestions have been received for the transfer of Irricana Lodge, No. 84, from District No. 17 to District No. 13, and of Meridian Lodge, No. 62 from District No. 27 to its original District No. 22. I would point out that the adoption of the latter suggestion will result in the erection of another single Lodge District; not a desirable arrangement, but one that in this case cannot well be avoided, since the members of Meridian Lodge consider the distance between them and the nearest Lodge in District No. 27 too great for practical purposes.

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VISITATIONS

Since the date of my last report I have made official visits as follows:

DATE	LODGE	
Jan. 24--	Gleichen, No. 144--	Opening of new hall and Degree Work.
Feb. 4--	St. George, No. 39--	Regular Meeting.
Feb. 5--	Friendship, No. 7 --	Regular Meeting.
Feb. 6--	Unity Rebekah, No. 26 -----	With Grand Master and President. Rebekah Assembly.
Feb. 7--	Hillhurst, No. 46 --	Regular Meeting.
Feb. 26--	Ruth Rebekah, No. 5	Degree and Social.
Mar. 4--	Ponoka, No. 11 -----	Regular Meeting.
Mar. 5--	Friendship, No. 7 --	Presentation of Veteran Jewel.
Mar. 6--	Lamont, No. 78 -----	Regular Meeting.
Mar. 7--	Edmonton, No. 30--	Degree Work.
Mar. 8--	Alberta, No. 1 -----	Regular Meeting.
April 12--	Alberta, No. 1 -----	Roll Call and Presentation of Jewels.
April 18--	Medicine Hat, No. 3-	Degree Work and Official Visit of D.D.G.M.
April 24--	Irvine, No. 69 -----	Regular Meeting.
April 28--	Medicine Hat -----	Anniversary Service.
May 5-6--	Calgary -----	Meeting of Advisory Board, and Con- ference with Bro. Will. S. Miller, General Commanding, P.M.
May 6--	St. George, No. 39--	With Bro. Parker, P.G.M.
May 8--	Redcliff, No. 90 --	With Bro. Grant, D.D.G.M.
May 12--	Cypress, No. 102 --	Annual Church Service.
May 21--	Peace, No. 141 --	Informal Meeting; Lodge dormant.
May 23--	Fairview, No. 142 --	Regular Meeting.
May 24--	Berwyn -----	Re Petition for Lodge at this point.

DATE	LODGE
May 27	Prairie City, No. 135 Regular Meeting.
May 28	Sexsmith, No. 151 Regular Meeting.
May 29	Spirit River, No. 136 Regular Meeting and Social.
June 12-13	Kamloops, B.C. Grand Lodge of British Columbia.
June 24	Drumheller, No. 111 Accompanying Bro. Parker.
June 25	Fraternity, No. 130 Accompanying Bro. Parker. Degree Work, presentation of Veteran Jewel.
June 26	Craigmyle, No. 114 Accompanying Bro. Parker.
June 27	Cornucopia, No. 125 Accompanying Bro. Parker.
June 28	Hanna, No. 99 Accompanying Bro. Parker, presentation of Veteran Jewels.
July 4	Medicine Hat, No. 3 Installation of Officers.
July 9	Cypress No. 102 Installation of Officers.
July 11	Calgary Conference with Deputy Grand Sire.
July 16	Cypress No. 102 Accompanying Bro. Parker.
July 17	Medicine Hat Laying Corner Stone, I.O.O.F. Temple.
July 18	Winnifred, No. 67 Accompanying Bro. Parker.
Aug. 13	Century, No. 100 Regular Meeting.
Aug. 14	Minburn, No. 74 Lodge of Instruction; Degree Work by Lodges Nos. 49, 63 and 74.
Aug. 15	Wainwright, No. 45 Regular Meeting.
Sept. 12	Mountain View, No. 4 Accompanying Bro. Parker.
Sept. 13	Taber Spent the morning here with Bro. Parker, in an attempt to revive interest.
Sept. 13	Lethbridge, No. 2 Regular Meeting.
Sept. 24	Unity, No. 23 Regular Meeting.
Sept. 25	Samaritan, No. 91 Regular Meeting.
Sept. 26	Lees Creek, No. 123 Regular Meeting.
Sept. 28	Banff, No. 48 Visit by Calgary Lodges, Degree Work.
Sept. 30	Norwood, No. 41 Accompanying Bro. Parker.
Oct. 1	Pyramid, No. 149 District Meeting, District No. 30.
Oct. 2	Millet, No. 145 District Meeting, District No. 25.
Oct. 3	Eckville, No. 155 Institution of Lodge.
Oct. 15	High River, No. 22 District Meeting, District No. 9.
Oct. 16	Beaver, No. 27 District Meeting, District No. 7.
Oct. 17	Langdon, No. 40 District Meeting, District No. 10.
Oct. 24	Medicine Hat, No. 3 Opening of new hall.
Oct. 29	Viaduct, No. 53 District Meeting, District No. 4.
Oct. 30	Pincher Creek, No. 5 Accompanying Bro. Parker.
Nov. 6	Otonabee, No. 134 Accompanying Bro. Parker.
Nov. 7	Wainwright, No. 45 Dedication of new hall.
Nov. 8	Consort, No. 119 Regular Meeting.
Nov. 12	Ruth Rebekah, No. 5 District Meeting, District No. 18.
Nov. 20	Bow Island, No. 80 District Meeting, District No. 3.
Nov. 26	Canmore, No. 48 District Meeting, District No. 12.
Nov. 27	Coliseum, No. 146 District Meeting, District No. 21.
Nov. 28	Waskasoo, No. 16 District Meeting, District No. 19.

The above list represents forty-eight Subordinate Lodges visited, to which I hope to add approximately five more before February 1st. I might also say that Bro. Christie, Grand Warden, reports among his visitations, seven Lodges which I have not visited. I regret that I have

no record of the visits of Bro. Morden, Deputy Grand Master, but expect his report will bring the total to well over sixty.

I would suggest that the incoming officers make it a point during 1930 to visit those Lodges which were not visited by either the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master or Grand Warden in 1929.

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PEACE RIVER BLOCK

I visited the five Lodges in this part of our Jurisdiction during May.

The Lodges at Spirit River, Grande Prairie and Sexsmith, comprising District No. 32, are situated sufficiency close to one another to render mutual assistance in the matter of fraternal visits, and are all fairly active, the first named being particularly so. Peace Lodge, No. 141 and Fairview Lodge, No. 142, comprising District No. 33, are over sixty miles apart, and consequently for all practical purposes, must work out their own individual destinies. Fairview Lodge is active, but Peace Lodge is practically dormant. The town of Peace River suffered the loss of a great deal of territory when the railway was carried across the river and on to Fairview, and the few members who are left apparently have not the enthusiasm to carry on. At the time of my visit there, I was promised that an attempt would be made to interest a number of non-affiliated members resident in the neighborhood, but a later report gives little encouragement. Unless a definite improvement can be effected in the near future, I fear it will be necessary to reclaim this charter.

Petitions for the Institution of Lodges at Berwyn, Hythe and Beaver Lodges were started and left at these points, but non have yet progressed to the point where they can be approved. Berwyn is about half way between Peace River and Fairview, and a Lodge there should materially strengthen District No. 33. Beaver Lodge and Hythe are both west of Grande Prairie, and should each be able to support an active Lodge. The movement in all three of these points apparently lacks efficient leadership and organization. On account of the expense involved, it is not feasible for us to send our officers into this part of the country at very frequent intervals, and I would suggest that in the event of Bro. Parker's appointment being continued, he be authorized to visit these points, organize them if possible, and institute the three Lodges without the formality of applying to the Grand Master for his approval. It should be understood that such a procedure, if carried out, would not establish a precedent, but on account of the difficulties we have to cope with, I think this is the most logical manner of handling the problem.

I am indebted to the membership of the above Lodges for the very hearty welcome I was accorded in all points visited, also for their assistance in arranging transportation from place to place. I also wish to record my appreciation of the support of Bro. Dave Wilson, Grand Scribe, who accompanied me, and who also visited these Lodges during November, and reported on their progress.

It was pointed out that the Delegates from these Lodges to Grand Lodge, on account of the train service and distance to be covered, find it necessary to be away at least a week. I am of the opinion this state of affairs should be recognized by granting our Delegates from these Lodges some concession by way of extra per diem, as has been done at times in the past.

I also visited Pouce Coupee, B.C., which is about ninety miles northwest of Grande Prairie, and about sixty miles from the end of the

steel at Hythe. At the time of our last Grand Lodge Session, Bro. J. T. MacDonald, Grand Master of British Columbia, advised me that he had received some correspondence relative to the institution of a Lodge at this point, and it was suggested that on account of the geographical situation, this Jurisdiction might to advantage arrange for the institution and supervision of such a Lodge. The Grand Sire, to whom the matter was referred, ruled that this could not be carried out. (Ref.: Decision No. 14, Sovereign Grand Lodge Journal of Proceedings, 1929.) In any event, I do not think it would be advisable to organize at this point until it can be reached by rail.

Undoubtedly the Peace River and adjacent districts are due for a substantial program of development during the next few years, and as new territory is opened up and towns established, opportunities will be afforded us to extend our activities farther afield. Let us be prudent, however, to the end that our Lodges may be firmly established, and so constitute lasting shrines from which the teachings of Odd Fellowship will be disseminated.

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INACTIVE LODGES

Peace Lodge, No. 141, as noted elsewhere, is not holding any meetings. This charter should be reclaimed unless some signs of renewed activity are indicated in the near future.

Taber Lodge, No. 25, is in much the same position. Both Bro. Parker and myself have spent more or less time in an effort to revive interest, with no permanent results. The last time I was in Lethbridge, some of the members there spoke of arranging a trip to Taber with the object of signing up a new class of candidates—in fact practically re-organizing the Lodge. This appears the only plan that can be expected to bring results, as the old members will not take the burden up. Unless Lethbridge can do something along these lines in the near future, I would suggest the reclamation of this charter also.

Barons Lodge, No. 60, is inactive as regards the holding of meetings, and should either amalgamate with Little Bow Lodge, No. 51, Carmangay, or surrender its charter. I regret that I have been unable to canvass the situation at Barons personally, and have based the above recommendation on a report furnished me by Bro. Parker.

Cornucopia Lodge, No. 125, Big Valley, has been in difficulties ever since that point was abandoned as a railroad centre. They are carrying too many members who are heavily in arrears, and the active members are not as interested as they should be. I was advised some time ago by Bro. J. D. Morgan, D.D.G.M., that a proposition had been made to amalgamate with Stettler Lodge, No. 32, but have heard nothing further. I believe an amalgamation is the best plan to follow in this instance.

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INSTITUTIONS

On October 3rd I had the pleasure of Instituting Eckville Lodge, No. 155, at Eckville, Alberta.

This Lodge was instituted with five card members, and twenty-nine candidates were admitted the same evening, with prospects of more in the near future. I am satisfied that it will give a good account of itself.

My thanks are tendered to Bro. Robt. A. Parker, P.G.M., as well as to those members of Waskasoo Lodge, No. 16, Red Deer, and Rocky

Mountain House, No. 120, who assisted in the work of institution and conferring of the degrees.

The application of five brothers for a charter at Hilda, Alta., has been approved, but the institution of the Lodge has been twice postponed on account of unfavorable weather. I hope that my supplementary report will record the institution of this Lodge.

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REBEKAH BRANCH

Institutions

On March 13th, Olive Branch Rebekah Lodge, No. 104, was instituted at Waskatenau, the application for this charter having been previously approved by Bro. A. D. Campbell, P.G.M.

I have approved the applications for two Rebekah Lodges, which have been instituted as follows:

April 23 - Foot Hill, No. 105 - Claresholm.
Oct. 9 - Etzikom, No. 106 - Etzikom.

Sister Martin, Assembly President, also reports receipt of an inquiry from Lloydminster re the institution of a Rebekah Lodge at that point.

Charter Reclaimed

On the recommendation of Sister Martin, Assembly President, I authorized the reclamation of the charter and effects of Carl Murray Rebekah Lodge, No. 63, at Clyde, Alta., on July 3rd. To Bro. Dave Wilson, P.G.P., who attended to this matter, my sincere thanks are tendered.

While I have not had the opportunity of keeping in as close touch with the work of our sister organization as I would have liked. I believe that the institution of three Lodges during the year indicates the progressive spirit that will carry it on to still greater activities in the years to come. I understand that the conference idea has been introduced at the District Meetings, and that it has met with an encouraging measure of success. The various officers of the Assembly have, as in the past, given unsparsingly of their time that their Lodges might be visited systematically, and are to be commended for their devotion to this work.

8 CONSTITUTION FOR REBEKAH LODGES

At the last Session of this Grand Lodge a revised Constitution for Rebekah Lodges was submitted by the Rebekah Assembly for approval, and action was taken as set forth in Report No. 51, Page 115, Journal of Proceedings, 1929.

Shortly after the close of the Session I was advised by our Grand Secretary that we had dealt with only the amendments, and had not approved of the Constitution as a whole, as a result of which our Rebekah Lodges were without a properly approved Constitution.

Under these circumstances I deemed it expedient to refer this matter to the Advisory Board, and have to report that at the meeting of this Board held May 5th, the Constitution for Rebekah Lodges as approved by the Rebekah Assembly was with a few minor changes, duly approved.

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DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

(a)—For Entertainments

ISSUED	LODGE	FUNCTION	ON
(1) Feb. 25	Cypress, No. 102	Dance	Feb. 26
(2) Feb. 27	Luscar, No. 148	Anniversary Dance	Mar. 9
(3) Mar. 1	Big Horn, No. 138	Anniversary Dance	Mar. 23
(4) Mar. 5	Irvine, No. 69	Dance	Mar. 6
(5) Mar. 7	North Star, No. 115	Dance	Mar. 8
(6) Mar. 9	Edmonton, No. 30	Whist Drive	Mar. 15
(7) Mar. 11	Lomond, No. 127	Annual Ball	Mar. 15
(8) Mar. 12	Medicine Hat, No. 3	Joint Social with Ruth Rebekah 5	Mar. 18
(9) Mar. 15	Sexsmith, No. 151	Dance	Mar. 22
(10) Mar. 15	Sexsmith, No. 151	Whist Drive	Mar. 25
(11) Mar. 15	Cypress, No. 102	Dance	Mar. 19
(12) Mar. 22	Cypress, No. 102	Whist Drive	Mar. 26
(13) Apr. 5	Big Horn, No. 138	Postponed Anniversary Dance	Apr. 6
(14) Apr. 6	Cornucopia, No. 125	Card Party & Dance	Apr. 19
(15) Apr. 6	Advance, No. 97	Whist Drive & Dance	Apr. 12
(16) Apr. 11	Cypress, No. 102	Dance	Apr. 16
(17) Apr. 23	Medicine Hat, No. 3	Joint Social with Ruth Rebekah, 5	Apr. 29
(18) May 2	Mirror, No. 131	Annual Ball	May 17
(19) June 17	Cypress, No. 102	Dance	June 18
(20) June 19	Etsikom, No. 128	Picnic and Dance	July 1
(21) June 19	Friendship, No. 7	Joint Picnic with No. 30, 41, 47 & 97	June 22
(22) June 19	Edmonton, No. 30	Joint Picnic with No. 7, 41, 47 & 97	June 22
(23) June 19	Norwood, No. 41	Joint Picnic with No. 7, 30, 47 & 97	June 22
(24) June 19	Namayo, No. 47	Joint Picnic with No. 7, 30, 41 & 47	June 22
(25) June 19	Advance, No. 97	Joint Picnic with No. 7, 30, 41 & 47	June 22
(26) June 8	Millet, No. 145	Picnic and Dance	July 12
(27) Aug. 7	Northern Star, No. 115	Dance	Aug. 19
(28) Sept. 7	Milo, No. 154	Dance	Sept. 12
(29) Sept. 17	Drumheller, No. 111	Whist Drive and Dance	Sept. 17
(30) Oct. 9	Wainwright, No. 45	Rally	Nov. 7
(31) Oct. 9	Wainwright, No. 45	Dance	Nov. 7
		(Dispensations No. 30 and 31 included permission to offer for sale to our Subordinate Lodges, tickets for these Entertainments).	
(32) Oct. 14	Medicine Hat, No. 3	Joint Social with Ruth Rebekah No. 5 and Aram Encampment, No. 15; opening of new hall	Oct. 24
(33) Oct. 14	Cypress, No. 102	Dance	Oct. 22
(34) Oct. 21	Eckville, No. 155	Dance	Nov. 15
(35) Oct. 21	Edmonton, No. 30	Whist Drive & Dance	Oct. 23
(36) Nov. 11	Friendship, No. 7	Whist Drive	Nov. 13
(37) Nov. 12	Rocky Mtn House, 120	Annual Dance	Dec. 13
(38) Nov. 18	Cypress, No. 102	Benefit Dance, (under Section 321, Code of Laws, 1925)	Nov. 26
(39) Nov. 30	Samaritan, No. 91	Benefit Dance, (under Section 321, Code of Laws, 1925)	Dec. 4

(40) Dec. 9	Advance, No. 97	Whist Drive & Danec	Dec. 11
(41) Dec. 16	Millet, No. 145	Banquet	Dec. 18
(42) Dec. 19	Medicine Hat, No. 3	Dance	Dec. 31
(43) Dec. 24	Luscar, No. 148	Dance	Dec. 31
(44) Dec. 24	Cypress, No. 102	Dance	Jan. 1, 1930

(b)—To Wear Regalia in Public

(45) Feb. 22	High River, No. 22	Funeral of Bro. A. Rose	Feb. 23
(46) Apr. 23	Medicine Hat, No. 3	Annual Church Par- ade	Apr. 28
(47) May 8	Cypress, No. 102	Annual Church Par- ade	May 12
(48) July 16	Medicine Hat, No. 3	Laying of Corner Stone I.O.O.F. Hall	July 17

(c)—To Confer More Than One Degree the Same Evening

(49) Mar. 23	Cadomin, No. 152	2nd & 3rd Degrees	Mar. 25
(50) Mar. 28	Cypress, No. 102	1st & 2nd Degrees	Apr. 2
(51) June 22	Fort, No. 14	1st & 2nd Degrees	June 25
(52) Aug. 12	Minburn, No. 74	1st, 2nd & 3rd Degrees	Aug. 14
(53) Sept. 7	Cypress, No. 102	1st & 2nd Degrees	Sept. 10
(54) Oct. 7	Irvine, No. 69	1st & 2nd Degrees	Oct. 9
(55) Oct. 9	Gleichen, No. 144	1st & 2nd Degrees	Oct. 16
(56) Oct. 9	Wainwright, No. 45	Initiatory, 1st, 2nd & Third Degrees	Nov. 6
(57) Oct. 14	Irvine, No. 69	1st & 2nd Degrees	Oct. 16
(58) Oct. 19	Coliseum, No. 146	Initiatory & First Degree	Oct. 23
(59) Oct. 28	Coliseum, No. 146	2nd & 3rd Degrees	Nov. 6
(60) Nov. 8	Cadomin, No. 152	1st & 2nd Degrees	Nov. 11

(The above dispensations were granted with the proviso that Sect. 220, Code of General Laws, 1925, would be complied with).

(d)—To Install a Third Degree Member as Noble Grand, all present and qualified on nights of nomination having declined the office.

(61) June 21—High River, No. 22 — To install Bro. John H. Cope.
 (62) June 21—Minburn, No. 74 — To install Bro. F. H. Larcombe.

From a perusal of the accounts of Lodge activities published in "The Alberta Oddfellow," as well as from other sources, I have received the impression that some of our Subordinate Lodges are following the practice of holding entertainments without first procuring a dispensation to cover, and would point out the necessity of this requirement being observed.

(e)—To remove Charter, Rituals and Regalia temporarily, for the purpose of participating in Joint Installation of Officers.

No.	Date	Issued	To	Good For
(63)	July 4	Irvine, No. 69	Cypress, No. 102	July 9
(64)	July 6	Advance, No. 97	Friendship, No. 7	July 9

(f)—To remove Regalia for the purpose of Conferring Degrees.

(65) Oct. 12—Ponoka, No. 11—To confer degree at Millet Lodge No. 145 Oct. 16
 (66) Nov. 3—Ryley, No. 75—To confer degree at Wainwright Lodge, No. 45 Nov. 6

(g)—To remove Charter and effects to a new location, and thereafter to hold regular meetings of the Lodge at places specified.

Lodge	Old Location	New Location
(67) July 18—Killam, No. 76	Nichols Hall	Presbyterian Church basement.
(68) Oct. 7—Medicine Hat, 3	Lots 5 & 6	Lots 11 & 12 (Blk. 17 Blk. 22, Plan 1491 Plan 1491)
(69) Nov. 4—Canmore, No. 38	Lots 19 & 20, Blk. 50	Lots 9 & 10, Blk. 49
(70) Dec. 23—Irricana, No. 84	Irricana	Lots 12 & 13, Blk. 1 (ground floor).

(Where dispensations have been granted to allowing Lodges to hold meetings on the ground floor, or in a basement, assurance has been received that all precautions will be taken to insure the secrecy necessary).

(h)—To hold meetings temporarily without Charter and Regalia, and in such buildings as may be available).

(71) Aug. 2—Wainwright, No. 45 ---
 (72) Oct. 24—Halkirk, No. 61-----

10 DISPENSATIONS REFUSED

No.	Date	Lodge	Purpose Asked For	Reason for Refusal
(1)	Mar. 11	Lomond, No. 127	Special Meeting to confer Initiatory Degree	Not necessary.
(2)	Apr. 17	Mirror, No. 131	To hold annual ball some time in May	Date not specified.
(3)	June 21	Foot Hill, No. 13	To hold special meeting July 2nd to confer Degree and install officers	Not necessary.
(4)	Oct. 19	Coliseum, No. 146	To confer 2nd and 3rd Degrees the same night	Date not specified.
(5)	Nov. 15	Eckville, No. 155	To use emblems of Order on advertising and tickets for dance to aid lodge funds, Nov. 15th	Not Necessary. (Ref.: Sect. 253, 1925 Code of Laws).

(6) Nov. 15—Coleman, No. 36—To change hour of meeting to 7 p.m. from Nov. 1, 1929 to Mar. 31, 1930—No authority. By-laws must be amended.

(7) Nov. 30—Hardisty, No. 64—To admit a class of candidates at a flat rate of \$20.00—Not constitutional.

(8) Dec. 3—Donalda, No. 15—To admit a class of candidates at a flat rate of \$25.00 —Not constitutional.

(9) Dec. 6—High River, 22—To hold special meeting Dec. 6, to confer 1st degree on class of candidates from Cayley Lodge Not necessary.

(10) Dec. 28—Lees Creek, 123—To hold special meeting Dec. 30, to confer Initiatory Degree —Not necessary.

(Reference for No. 1, 3, 9 and 10; Sections 6, 7 and 8, Constitution for Subordinate Lodges).

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QUESTIONS AND DECISIONS**1—From Coleman Lodge, No. 36.**

Statement: Bro. Clarence Groat, a member of this Lodge who is in arrears from December 31, 1927, was admitted to the General Hospital in Calgary, on account of injuries to his feet, received while at work December, 1928. He was taken from there to the Provincial Mental Hospital on January 16th, 1929, following an inquiry into his mental condition, and is now a patient in that Institute and is likely to remain so for a considerable time. His father received a bill from this Institute, amounting to \$56.85 which he handed to us for consideration.

As we are unable to decide what action we can take in the matter, if any, we would be pleased if you would kindly advise us for our future guidance.

Answer: Your letter does not ask a definite question, but I am assuming you are asking for advice as to whether your Lodge is under obligation to pay any or all of the account presented by Bro. Groat's father.

As Bro. Groat has been in arrears since December 31st, 1927, he is not entitled to sick benefits. (Ref.: Sec. 135, Sub. Lodge Constitution.) Section 310 (a), Code of General Laws, 1925, gives your Lodge the right to make a special grant if you consider the case worthy of your assistance.

2—From Clive Lodge, No. 117.

Question: Can we call the Lodge to order in the form of a Degree Lodge, or do we have to open in the Third Degree first; or are we allowed to open as a Degree Lodge at all?

Answer: The Grand Lodge of Alberta has not enacted any legislation for the Institution of Degree Lodges. Your Lodge must at all times be regularly opened in the Third Degree, and lowered if and as required, to the proper degree for the conferring of degrees or examin-

ation of candidates as to their proficiency in the work of the degrees they have already received. (Ref.: Sub. Lodge Ritual, Pages 9-15, also Sections 817 and 823, Code of General Laws, 1925.)

3—From Acme Lodge, No. 65.

Statement: We have a proposed candidate for transfer who has received the Initiatory Degree only, back in Ontario, and has not paid his dues for some years.

Question: What is the proper procedure in this case?

Answer: If the brother has not been suspended for N.P.D., he must first pay the Lodge in which he now holds membership, all arrears of dues, as well as such amount as will pay his dues at least four weeks in advance of the date on which he applies for admission to your Lodge, then follow procedure laid down in Sections No. 86 and 133 of our Sub. Lodge Constitution.

If he has been suspended for N.P.D., he may follow any one of the following courses:

1. Apply to his Lodge for Dismissal Certificate, and on receipt of same, conform to requirements of Sec. 85, Sub. Lodge Constitution.
2. Apply to his Lodge for Reinstatement and Transfer. (Ref.: Sec. 86 and 133, Sub. Lodge Constitution.)
3. Apply to his Lodge for Reinstatement and Withdrawal Card. (Ref.: Sec. 86, Sub. Lodge Constitution.)

(See Question from Rocky Mountain House Lodge, No. 120, Page 5, and Report No. 33, Page 108, Journal of Proceedings, 1928.)

After signing the members' register of your Lodge, he is entitled to make application for remainder of his degrees as provided for by Sec. 102, Sub. Lodge Constitution, and your by-laws.

4—From Hanna Lodge, No. 99.

As this question has to do with the secret work, I do not think it advisable that it should appear here. Question and answer will be submitted for your consideration during the Session.

5—From Milo Lodge, No. 154.

Statement: When this Lodge was instituted, the Transfer Certificate of Bro. Hailey from Samaritan Lodge, Vulcan, was on deposit along with several others from that Lodge. A few days previous to the institution of our Lodge, Bro. Hailey had to go to Ontario, and he has just returned. Owing to his absence, his name could not be put on the Charter, but our Treasurer says his Transfer Certificate was sent up to Grand Lodge along with the others, where I presume they still are. We have no record at all on the books of Bro. Hailey, and I would like to know how we should accept him in the Lodge; that is whether he will have to get a medical certificate, be passed by the Character Committee, and balloted on in the usual way, or whether we can accept him without?

Answer: It will be necessary for Bro. Hailey to make application for admission to your Lodge by deposit of unexpired Withdrawal Card, as required by Sec. 86, Sub. Lodge Constitution.

I am enclosing Bro. Hailey's Withdrawal Card, which I have obtained from the Grand Secretary. Your letter refers to Bro. Hailey's Transfer

Certificate, but I conclude it is his Withdrawal Card you have reference to.

6—From Pyramid Lodge, No. 149, Jasper.

Statement: We received a letter from The Sons of England Benefit Society asking us to join with them and other Fraternal Societies in a joint Decoration Day parade, etc. Kindly instruct us as to legislation governing this matter?

Answer: I do not know of any legislation governing this, but am of the opinion it would be in order for your Lodge to join with other Fraternal Societies in the exercise of appropriate Decoration Day services as set forth in our Grand Sire's Memorial Day Proclamation dated April 5th, 1929, and the instructions of the Grand Master of this Jurisdiction in connection therewith.

7—From Crescent Lodge, No. 81, Calgary.

Statement: Article No. 14 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F., provides that the elective officers of the said Grand Lodge shall be; Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Representative or Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.

Article No. 47 of the Constitution of the said Grand Lodge provides: "All standing Committees shall consist of five members each, excepting the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, which shall consist of three members," etc.

Section 404 of the Code of General Laws of the I.O.O.F., 1925, (which was formerly Section 397 of the Code, 1915) reads:

"The officers of a Grand Lodge shall be; Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, who shall be elected, and Grand Marshall, Grand Conductor, Grand Guardian, Grand Chaplain and Grand Herald, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master.

"Grand Lodges may provide for the election of a Board of Trustees to manage the business affairs of the Grand Lodge, subject to its approval.

"Grand Lodges shall have the power to provide by law for the appointment of such additional officers as their needs may require; provided, where Grand Lodges control Odd Fellows' Homes under the Grand Lodge Charter, said Grand Lodges may provide for the election or appointment of a Board of Trustees to manage the business of said Home; provided, Grand Lodges may authorize Rebekah Assemblies to elect such number of the Board of Trustees of Odd Fellows' Homes as said Grand Lodge by resolution or otherwise may provide, but no Grand Lodge shall have power to abolish any office provided by this Section."

Decision No. 4, page 23, Journal of Proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., 1923, states, among other things, "that under Section No. 397 of the Code, the elective officers of a Grand Lodge are designated, and officers not so designated cannot be chosen by election. As Trustees are not within the terms of the Section, they cannot be elected."

This said Decision No. 4 received the approval of the Sovereign Grand Lodge by the adoption of Report No. 27, pages 252 and 262 of the aforesaid Journal of Proceedings.

Resolution No. 35, page 118, Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F., 1929, reads, following its premises:

"Resolved, that the Grand Lodge should elect from the floor of this Grand Body nine brothers as follows: Three for three years, three for two years, three for one year; and each succeeding year, three for a term of three years, whose duty it shall be to act as a board of directors of the Alberta Odd Fellows' Temple Co. Ltd., the Grand Lodge to issue one share of stock to each member so elected, which will qualify him as a director.

"That the Grand Secretary be instructed to take an assignment of said stock in blank, and that after said assignment has been secured, that said stock be placed in the Grand Lodge safe to protect the interest of the Grand Lodge.

"Further that the Grand Secretary be and is hereby authorized to vote the remaining shares of this Grand Lodge in the Alberta Temple Co. Ltd., for the purpose of electing as director of the Alberta Odd Fellows' Temple Co. Ltd., the nine directors selected by this Grand Lodge."

This Resolution No. 35 was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

In course, following the adoption of the said Resolution No. 35, the Grand Lodge proceeded with the nomination and election of nine brothers accordingly, as set forth on Page 121 of its Journal of Proceedings, 1929.

Question No. 1: Was the action of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F., in adopting the aforesaid Resolution No. 35, and was the subsequent election of nine members held pursuant to the provisions hereof, legal under and in conformity with the Constitution of the said Grand Lodge?

Question No. 2: Was the action of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F., in adopting the aforesaid Resolution No. 35, and was the subsequent election of nine members held pursuant to the provisions thereof, legal under and in conformity with the laws and rulings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.?

Answer No. 1: Articles No. 14 and No. 47 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alberta deal with elective Grand Officers and Standing Committees respectively. Resolution No. 35, page 118, Journal of Proceedings, 1929, provides for the election of nine brothers, whose duty it will be to act as a board of directors of the Alberta Odd Fellows' Temple Co. Ltd.

We have to admit the fact that the election of these brothers, pursuant to the above mentioned resolution, did not constitute them directors of the Alberta Odd Fellows' Temple Co., Ltd. That is a matter which does not rest with us as a Grand Body, but in which we are interested as shareholders in the Company, and it is not inconceivable that circumstances could arise, in consequence of which our stock might not be voted at the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Alberta Odd Fellows' Temple Co. Ltd., resulting in the election of others than those chosen by this Grand Lodge, as directors. We have a parallel case in the conduct of our Annual District Meetings, when our Districts elect by ballot their nominees as District Deputy Grand Masters. Their ballots merely voice their recommendations for these offices, the appointments resting with the Grand Master.

I would therefore rule that as a result of the adoption of Resolution No. 35 aforesaid, this Grand Lodge recommended or nominated these

brothers by ballot, rather than that they were elected, and that Article No. 14 and No. 47 do not apply, and I would answer this question in the affirmative.

Answer No. 2: Yes. (Ref.: Sec. 476, Code of General Laws, 1925.)

(Note. While the above cited Section deals with Homes established, I am of the opinion it admits of a sufficiently liberal application to include the present case, where the investments we have made are on account of our Home Fund.)

8—From High River Lodge, No. 22.

Statement: All Past Grands decline to act as Noble Grand for the ensuing term. The Financial Secretary, who has served for the past five terms, and is in good standing, has been nominated for the office of Noble Grand. He has not served as Vice-Grand.

Question: Is this constitutional?

Answer: Yes, provided that all qualified brothers who were present on the nights of nomination, declined to accept the office. (Ref.: Sec. 874, Code of General Laws, 1925.)

9—From Milo Lodge, No. 154.

Statement: This Lodge has an application for membership from a member of a Lodge now defunct, whose certificate refers to him as an Ancient Odd Fellow. Applicant wishes to come in as a non-beneficial member, and states he is forty four years of age. The Lodge does not consider that this application by a brother under fifty years of age can be considered. Would you kindly give us your ruling on this.

Answer: The application of a former member of a defunct Lodge for admission to your Lodge as a Non-Beneficial Member, cannot be entertained unless the applicant is over fifty years of age. (Ref.: Sec. 85a, Sub. Lodge Constitution.)

10—From Craigmyle Lodge, No. 114.

Question: In the event of a D.D.G.M. resigning his office, does the Lodge of which he is a member automatically elect a successor, or is it a matter for the Grand Master's attention; also what procedure is taken in either case?

Answer: While I do not know of any legislation covering this point, I would assume that a successor should be recommended to the Grand Master by the Lodges in the District. If it were feasible to hold a District Meeting, such recommendation should be made by election as provided in Rules Governing Districts and District Meetings, but if this could not be done, I would suggest that the Lodges take whatever steps they deem fit in order to make a recommendation that would be satisfactory to all of them.

11—From Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 3.

Statement: A Lodge levies an assessment on its members that reads as follows:

"That on January 1st an assessment of \$2.00 per year will be levied on each member for the purpose of creating a Building Fund."

Question: Does a member under this assessment who makes application for a Withdrawal Card or Transfer Certificate, have to pay the full assessment to receive such Withdrawal Card or Transfer Certificate?

Answered by Noble Grand: A Withdrawal Card or Transfer Certificate cannot be granted unless the yearly assessment has been paid. (The above decision was appealed to the D.D.G.M.)

Answer by D.D.G.M.: As your resolution reads, "That on January 1st an assessment of Two Dollars be levied," I take it to mean that the assessment as a whole, is due and payable on January 1st. (Ref.: Sec. 293b, Code of Laws, 1925.) I therefore uphold the ruling of your Noble Grand. (Appealed to Grand Master.)

Answer by Grand Master: Yes. (Ref.: Sections 85 and 293b, Code of General Laws, 1925.)

12—From D.D.G.M., District No. 30.

Statement: I would request a point of information in regard to District Meetings. It would appear in view of the distance from Edson to Jasper, that only one meeting has been held during the year, and I may say that to date it has not been opportune to make my visit to Edson. A letter was received stating that Edson Lodge No. 92 would go on record in favor of having one meeting.

Question: Is this in accordance with the Grand Lodge Constitution?

Answer: Our Grand Lodge Constitution does not cover this point, however, Paragraph 3, Rules and Regulations Governing Districts and District Meetings, provides that "Each District Committee shall meet not less than once and not more than twice in any year." (Ref.: Page 1477, and Resolution 129, Page 1599, Journal of Proceedings, 1923) Consequently it will be quite in order to hold one District Meeting per year if your Lodges favor this arrangement.

13—From Craigmyle Lodge, No. 114.

Statement: Our General Fund is depleted to the sum of \$30.00, while our Widows' and Orphans' Fund amounts to about \$800.00.

Question: Can we transfer a sufficient sum to our General Fund from our Widows' and Orphans' Fund to enable us to carry on our work till conditions improve?

Answer: No. Your Widows' and Orphans' Fund is created for certain specific purposes, and may be expended only for such purposes. I would however, refer you to Article 69, Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, which provides that when the above fund reaches a sum equivalent to \$10.00 per capita for each unsuspended member of your Lodge, you may reduce the apportionment from 20% to 5% of your dues collected.

14—From Craigmyle Lodge, No. 114.

Question: Would it be possible to obtain through your office a dispensation to put on for a term of say six months, a special charter fee rate?

Answer: No. Candidates must pay the admission fees laid down in your by-laws.

15—From Langdon Lodge, No. 40.

Statement: A visiting Past Grand is asked to occupy the Vice-Grand's chair, and during such occupancy a ball ballot is taken.

Question: Is this officer entitled to examine the ballot and report his finding to the Noble Grand?

Answer: While I have been unable to find a ruling covering such a contingency, I would assume that when a duly qualified brother is asked to occupy a chair, he cannot be deprived of the right to perform any of the duties which may devolve upon him in consequence of such occupancy. I would therefore answer this question in the affirmative.

16—From D.D.G.M., District No. 31.

Question: How can a brother who has been an Honorary Member in Saskatchewan be admitted to a Lodge in Alberta?

Answer: I am not clear as to what you mean by the term "Honorary member." Honorary Membership in our Order is not recognized. (Ref.: Sec. 271a, Code of General Laws, 1925.) Possibly you refer to a Veteran Member who is over sixty years of age. In any event, the brother will have to make application for admission to your Lodge as required by Sec. 86, Constitution for Subordinate Lodges.

17—From Samaritan Lodge, No. 91, Vulcan.

Question: Can a member who is not in good standing, and still a member of the Lodge, vote on election of officers, or otherwise?

Answer: No. (Ref.: Clause 23, Constitution for Subordinate Lodges.)

18—From District No. 7, per D.D.G.M.

Question: Is a Third Degree member in good standing entitled to be elected as representative of his Lodge at a District Meeting?

Answer: "Rules and Regulations Governing District Meetings." (Pages 1476 to 1479, Journal of Proceedings, 1923), states in Clause No. 1 that each District Committee shall consist, in addition to the District Deputy Grand Master and District Secretary, of "two Representatives from each Subordinate Lodge in the District who shall be elected separately by ballot," etc., and as there is nothing mentioned to the effect that a Representative must be a Past Grand, I would answer this question in the affirmative.

19—From Big Horn Lodge, No. 138, Mountain Park.

Statement: We have approximately \$850.00 in our Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and at present about 41 members.

Questions:

- (a) Can any part of this amount be placed in the General or Contingent Funds in any way?
- (b) If so, how much, and what amount must be maintained in the W. and O. Fund?
- (c) What should be the amount of the deposit at the close of this term?

Answers:

(a) No Part of your Widows' and Orphans' Fund may be transferred to your General or Contingent Funds. This fund is created for a specific purpose, that purpose, as the name of the fund implies, being the relief of the widows and orphans of your Lodge. (Ref.: Sec. 306, Code of General Laws, 1925.)

(b) First query; answered in (a).

Second Query: Your Widows' and Orphans' Fund must be maintained as provided by Article No. 69, Sub. Lodge Constitution, less any legitimate expenditures as set forth in answer (a). No minimum to be maintained is provided.

(c) Such amount as is in conformity with Article No. 69, Sub. Lodge Constitution.

20—From District No. 13.

Question: Is it permissible to form a Past Grands' Association?

Answer: Yes, but such an association shall have no power to legislate, or otherwise regulate the affairs of the Order. (Ref.: Sections 390 and 937, Code of General Laws, 1925.)

21—From Big Horn Lodge, No. 138.

Question: Is it permissible (a) to hold only one Subordinate Lodge meeting, per month; (b) to declare a holiday of one month per six months' term (two months per twelve months' term)?

Answer: (a) No. (b) No. (Ref.: Article 4, Constitution for Subordinate Lodges.)

22—From Bow Valley Lodge, No. 89, Cochrane.

Cochrane, Alta., Nov. 28, 1929.

Statement: Our Noble Grand was called away some four months ago, and now writes requesting that we make him a Past Grand. During the first six months he attended Lodge regularly, and after that until he went away he did not attend, owing to some reason unknown to us.

Question: Are we in a position to grant this request or not?

Explanation: The following questions were submitted by the Grand Master to Bow Valley Lodge, No. 89:

(a) Is your Lodge term Annual or Semi-Annual?

(b) How many meetings did your Noble Grand attend before leaving Cochrane?

(c) Was he excused from further attendance on account of sickness on his part?

(d) Has the chair of Noble Grand been declared vacant, and a successor elected for the balance of the term?

Answers to the above from Bow Valley Lodge:

(a) Annual.

(b) Seven.

(c) No.

(d) No.

Answer to original question: Your Lodge cannot grant this brother the standing of Past Grand at the end of this term. (Ref.: Sec. 210, (d) and (f), Code of General Laws, 1925.)

12 PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations from the Grand Sire, as undernoted, were received and copies forwarded to all Subordinate Lodges. Copies will appear in the report of the Grand Secretary.

Anniversary of the Order.

Memorial Day.

Birthday Anniversary of Thomas Wildey.

CIRCULAR LETTERS

Herewith you will find copies of all circular letters sent out by the Grand Master during the year:

CIRCULAR LETTER No. 1

Walsh, Alta., February 23, 1929.

To the Officers and Members of all Subordinate Lodges
under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F.

Dear Brothers:

Another page in the history of Oddfellowship in Alberta has been completed, and we are entering upon our twenty-fifth year as a Grand Jurisdiction.

I wish at this time to express to you my deep appreciation of the honor you have conferred upon me, and to assure you that it will be at all times my aim to work in the best interests of our Order.

We are still confronted with the same old problem—how to combat the conditions which are causing the steady drain on our membership through suspensions for non-payment of dues. This matter received the serious consideration of the Session just closed, and I will not comment further on it at this time, since an outline of the plans we have formulated with a view to dealing with the situation will be covered in another letter.

If there is one lesson that should be driven home to us by the experience of the past years, it is that we today stand in need of a greater degree of co-operation in our efforts. Oddfellowship today needs the co-operation of its members as never before. Conditions are not what they were twenty, ten or even five years ago. Other fraternal organizations, service and social clubs are coming into existence, and are attracting to their following not only members of our fraternity, but those who are or might be, prospective members. This has two results. On the one hand, it is only reasonable to suppose that those of our members who become affiliated with other organizations will to a greater or less degree lose their interest in our work, while on the other, the field from which we may hope to obtain new members is curtailed. I have just mentioned that outside attractions may to a certain extent, cause a falling off in the interest of our members, but we should not lose sight of the fact that the lack of attractions in our own Lodges and work will work to the same end. If our Lodge rooms are dull and unattractive, let us brighten them up; if our methods of transacting Lodge business need revision, let us endeavor to improve them. In a word, brothers, try to make Oddfellowship attractive, not only to the regular Lodge attendant, but to those of our members who either through lack of interest or the pressure of other business, are not regular attendants. I honestly believe that such a course, if consistently followed, will amply repay you for your efforts.

Just a few words in regard to suspensions. I have long been of the opinion, and have voiced it on a good many occasions during the past two years, that the activities—or lack of them—on the part of our Financial Secretaries, are to a great extent responsible for this condition. One of the duties of the Financial Secretary is to keep the members of his Lodge notified of arrearages of dues. If he attends to this duty as he should, dues will be paid more promptly, the possibility of a brother becoming badly in arrears is greatly lessened, and the "expectation" of

suspension—if I may use an insurance term—is decreased. Let us therefore, keep this question to the fore consistently during the year, rather than making it a consideration solely during the final month or two.

Brothers, I need your support during the year, and am counting on it. Let us get together, and pull together—for Oddfellowship.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

M. S. SCHRODER,
Grand Master.

CIRCULAR LETTER No. 2

Walsh, Alta., February 23, 1929.

To the Officers and Members of all Subordinate Lodges
under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F.

Dear Brothers:

At the Session of the Grand Lodge just closed, the situation in regard to the state of our membership was thoroughly discussed.

It was recognized that immediate steps must be taken in an effort to stop the depletion of our membership which has been going on for some years. It also was recognized that our Grand Lodge officers are not in a position to give to this situation the attention it requires, and it was felt that the appointment of an assistant to the Grand Secretary, whose duty it would be to devote his whole attention to the improvement of the condition which prevails, would be advisable. This action was authorized by this Grand Lodge, and Brother Robert A. Parker was duly appointed to the position.

It is unnecessary for me to introduce Bro. Parker to the majority of the members of this Grand Jurisdiction. It is sufficient to state that his appointment is not only a recognition of the splendid work he has already accomplished in the interests of Oddfellowship in Alberta, but a tribute to his ability to efficiently perform the duties of the position which he has been called to fill.

Bro. Parker will assume his new duties on or before April 1st, and it will be his endeavor to render you all assistance possible in the solution of any difficulties with which your Lodges are contending. As soon as he has completed his plans of organization he will undertake a systematic system of visitations to those of our Lodges which are most in need of his attention.

If you have any problems to submit, or suggestions to offer, do not hesitate to do so. A letter to either Bro. Parker, Bro. Tisdale, Grand Secretary, or myself, will receive immediate consideration.

We are counting, brothers, on your whole hearted co-operation in this as well as all other phases of our work. May we have it?

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

M. S. SCHRODER,
Grand Master.

CIRCULAR LETTER No. 3

Walsh, Alta., March 11, 1929.

To all District Deputy Grand Masters,
Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F.

Dear Brothers:

You will find enclosed your commission as District Deputy Grand Master for the current year.

It is not my intention at this time to enlarge upon the duties therein set forth. I trust that you have given the matter of your appointment your serious consideration, and that you realise that as the official representative of the Grand Master in your respective Districts, much of the success and harmony prevailing in the Lodges in your charge will depend on the attention you give to your appointment.

The progress, or otherwise, made by your Lodges, will be reflected in the state of our Order throughout Alberta.

As Grand Master I ask for your whole-hearted co-operation; Odd Fellowship needs it. May I count on your support?

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

M. S. SCHRODER,
Grand Master.

CIRCULAR LETTER No. 4

Walsh, Alta., June 17th, 1929.

To all Subordinate Lodges, Subordinate Encampments,
Rebekah Lodges and Cantons, P.M.

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The Deputy Grand Sire, Bro. M.M. Logan, of Frankfort, Ky., will be in Calgary on Thursday, July 11th, on an official visit to this jurisdiction.

During the afternoon a conference will be held in the I.O.O.F. Temple, at which time the Deputy Grand Sire wishes to meet all the officers, both elective and appointive, of the Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment and Rebekah Assembly, and as many of the Past Grand Officers of these bodies as can attend; also the editor of the fraternal press.

In the evening a mass meeting will be held in the same building, and will be open to all members of the Order. This meeting will be addressed by the Deputy Grand Sire. Presiding officers of all Subordinate Bodies are urged to make every effort to have as many as possible of their officers and members attend this meeting, as the opportunity is one that comes to us but seldom, and Bro. Logan's address should be of interest to every member of the Order.

Let us turn out in force to welcome our Deputy Grand Sire.

Yours fraternally,

M. S. SCHRODER,
Grand Master.

CIRCULAR LETTER, No. 5

Walsh, Alta., October 21, 1929.

To the Officers and Members of all Subordinate Lodges
Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F.

Dear Brothers:

The time of year when we naturally look to our Subordinate Lodges for renewed interest and activity in our work is now at hand.

Agricultural activities are about completed, thus affording our country members more leisure time, and the lure of summer amusements, which,

it is regrettable to note, holds the interest of many to the exclusion of all else, is a thing of the past.

Such being the case, I would like to draw to your attention some of the activities in which we may profitably engage for the next few months.

INITIATIONS

Our average initiations in this jurisdiction during the past seven years have been 436, and not for the past three years have we attained that figure.* Grand Secretary Kroh, of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in commenting on our loss of membership throughout the world, has stated in his last report that our losses are not due as much to suspensions as to a decrease in the number of our initiations, his conclusion being that our Subordinate Lodges are not paying the attention to this phase of our work that they should. We should, if we have not already done so, face the fact that our future prosperity will be largely guaranteed by the introduction of new blood into our ranks. The initiate of today is one to whom we should look to carry the burden of tomorrow. Do not overlook our need of new members.

"Be zealous, but temper your zeal with prudence."

REINSTATEMENTS

To refer to statistics again: Our seven year average for suspensions is 510, while the average reinstatements for the same period total but 33. No doubt a certain percentage of our suspended members can never be reinstated. They may have left the neighborhood of their home Lodge, while some are lost track of altogether. However, there are in practically every community adjacent to a Subordinate Lodge, suspended members of that Lodge who afford opportunities for concentrated work on our part to the end that they place themselves in good standing. They have not become non-Oddfellows by the action of their Lodge in suspending them, but are still members of our Order. Let us make an honest effort to bring them back into the fold of active membership.

AFFILIATIONS

During my travels this year I have been surprised at the number of members of our Order I have met who do not hold membership in the Lodges nearest their residence. In some cases there may be, and doubtless are, good and sufficient reasons for this state of affairs, but my observations in this connection have led me to believe that on the average this is one of the main causes of our heavy suspensions for non-payment of dues. A member changes his place of residence, for one reason or another does not become interested in the work of the Lodge in the community to which he has moved, and gradually loses touch with his home Lodge to such an extent that the process of suspension follows.

Check up on this too, brothers, and make the month of November a "Reinstatement and Affiliation Month." Here is a fertile field for work on the part of all our members, but particularly for our Membership Committees. They have certain duties to perform. See that they attend to them, honestly and conscientiously, and you will get results.

SUSPENSIONS

I have little to say on this topic, except to refer you to my Circular Letter No. 1, which I trust you have been keeping in mind. It would appear that you have, for with one or two exceptions, suspensions during the term ending June 30th were not heavy, and I thank you for your support and co-operation. Our seven year average for suspensions is

510. In 1927 they totaled 361, in 1928, 374. We are getting results of the right kind in this department. Let us determine to do even better this year.

My best wishes are with you all for the success of your efforts for the advancement of Oddfellowship.

Yours fraternally,

M. S. SCHRODER,
Grand Master.

CIRCULAR LETTER No. 6

Walsh, Alta., November 29th, 1929.

To all District Deputy Grand Masters,
Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F.

Dear Brothers:

The approaching end of another year reminds me that your terms of office will soon expire, and that you will ere long be passing your official responsibilities to your successors.

I want you to feel that though I have not met you all personally, I am deeply grateful for your assistance and for the efforts you have put forth during the past year in the discharge of your duties. In the final analysis, your own convictions as to the success of your achievements must be your personal reward.

You still have the most important duties of the year to perform; those of seeing that the officers of the Lodges under your care are promptly installed for the ensuing term, and that the Lodge reports are in the hands of our Grand Secretary in good time. Last year, according to our then Grand Master's supplementary report, twenty-eight of our Subordinate Lodges were reported as delinquent in respect to the receipt of their reports within the time prescribed. Draw up a program having for its objective the completion of your duties as early in the New Year as possible. Do not hold up your reports. Send them in as soon as you receive them. Remember that our Grand Secretary can complete his report only insofar as he has your reports available, and if he is to present a complete report of the Jurisdiction, he must have *Every Subordinate Lodge Report in hand by January 31st*.

I would also like you to check up on what progress your Lodges have been making along the lines of effort suggested in my Circular Letter No. 5. If each of our Lodges would show even a little progress in each of activities outlined, we would have an aggregate result which would be most gratifying.

Again I am asking for your support and co-operation—for the good of Oddfellowship. May I have it?

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

M. S. SCHRODER,
Grand Master.

FRATERNAL DELEGATES

In compliance with invitations received from the respective Grand Jurisdictions, the following fraternal delegates were appointed:

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba—

Bro. R. B. Morden, Deputy Grand Master

To the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan—
Bro. D. F. Christie, Grand Warden

To the Grand Lodge of Ontario—
Bro. J. A. Tully, P.G.M.

My thanks are tendered to the above brothers for the time and attention given to their appointments.

It was my privilege and pleasure to represent this Jurisdiction at the session of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Reports of the above delegates will appear elsewhere.

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RESIGNATION OF GRAND CHAPLAIN

Under date of July 15th, Bro. J. Holland, tendered his resignation as Grand Chaplain, this action being due to his leaving the Jurisdiction to reside in Victoria, B.C. As I saw no reason for making another appointment at that time, the office is still open, to be filled by appointment at this session.

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COMMITTEES

The following Committee has been requested to act in conjunction with the Grand Lodge Preparation Committee:

Bro. E. T. Waddell (No. 17)
Bro. D. Shelly (No. 46)
Bro. J. Dimma (No. 1)

I also have to report that arrangements are being made for the appointment of Committees to convey greetings from this Grand Body to the Rebekah Assembly and Grand Encampment.

17

APPOINTMENT OF BRO. ROBT. A. PARKER AS ASSISTANT TO THE GRAND SECRETARY

As noted in my Circular Letter, No. 2, Bro. Robt. A. Parker, P.G.M., was at our last session appointed to the above position, with duties particularly in respect to assisting our Subordinate Lodges in whatever manner he thought best, that they might function to better advantage.

Since April 1st, when he assumed his duties, Bro. Parker has visited practically all of our Lodges with the exception of those in the Peace River block, and these would have been visited ere this had we not been waiting for action on the part of those who were to look after the petitions for new Lodges at Hythe, Beaver Lodge and Berwyn, none of which, as previously reported, has come to a stage where the application can be approved. The balance of the unvisited lodges will in all probability be covered during January. They consist mainly of points at which original dates had to be cancelled, for one reason or another.

This appointment was an innovation, insofar as this Jurisdiction was concerned, and as such, the development of the idea has been watched with a good deal of interest.

Those who may be expecting outstanding results (as regards an increase of membership) from the work of Bro. Parker during the past few months, will I fear, be disappointed. The first requirement of the appointment was necessarily a survey of the conditions under which our Lodges are functioning, and this has taken considerable time. However, in connection with this phase of his work, Bro. Parker has had numerous opportunities to be of assistance to the Lodges he has con-

contracted with, and I am confident that his report will give us ample food for reflection.

This appointment was made for one year only. I am of the opinion it should be continued for the coming year at least.

**18 APPEAL OF LEES CREEK LODGE, NO. 123, CARDSTON
Re Bro. P. J. Bilderbeek.**

At the meeting of the Advisory Board, held May 5th, a letter was read from the above Lodge asking for relief for this brother, who was suffering from tuberculosis. Lees Creek Lodge stated that they had granted all relief they were able, but on account of conflicting reports received at the meeting, no action was taken beyond an undertaking to do what we could toward having Bro. Bilderbeek admitted to the sanatorium at Keith as soon as possible.

Later in the year I was advised that Bro. Bilderbeek's wife was ill with the same complaint, and shortly after I was again notified that an aunt who was looking after the children, had died, and that the case demanded immediate attention.

Since there was no prospect of a meeting of the Advisory Board being held in the near future, I took the matter up by mail with the various members of the Board, with the result that Lees Creek Lodge is to receive a grant of \$40 per month, dating from Nov. 1st, 1929, such grants to be expended for the relief of this brother. This arrangement is to continue till our session convenes, at which time a report of the case will be presented by the above lodge for our consideration.

19 ALBERTA ODD FELLOWS' TEMPLE CO., LTD.

About October 1st it was intimated to me that the Board of Directors of this Company would be interested in receiving suggestions relative to our Grand Lodge assuming control of the affairs of the I.O.O.F. Temple, Calgary.

At the time I was advised of the above, this Grand Lodge was the owner of capital stock in the above Company to the amount of approximately \$72,000.00 out of a total issued paid up capital of \$73,479.60, and it is also further interested to the amount of \$5,000.00, representing a loan from our Home Fund. It would appear therefore, that such action as above suggested is the logical course to pursue, provided it is feasible in view of the fact that stock to the amount of approximately \$1,200.00 is still held by Subordinate Lodges and individuals.

I have appointed the following committee who will look into the matter thoroughly, and present a report for your consideration:

Bro. A. E. May, P.G.M. (No. 7).
Bro. M. S. Saunders (No. 1).
Bro. H. H. McKinnon (No. 1).

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FIRE LOSSES

During the year two of our Subordinate Lodges have been burned out:—Wainwright, No. 45 and Halkirk, No. 61.

In the case of Wainwright Lodge the estimated gross loss was \$2,065.00 with insurance of \$550.00, while Halkirk Lodge carried \$1,000.00 insurance on their building and nothing on regalia and furniture. This

latter lodge saved their piano and some of their furniture, but their regalia was a total loss.

It is evident that both of these Lodges were greatly under-insured, and these, as well as our experiences with fire losses in other years, would point to the fact that generally speaking, our Subordinate Lodges do not carry sufficient fire protection. Wainwright Lodge has recently opened a new hall which would do credit to a Lodge of much larger membership, while Halkirk Lodge has purchased a building which is being remodelled to suit their requirements. Both of these Lodges are to be commended for the spirit they have shown in overcoming their difficulties, but the fact remains that each of them is saddled with an extra burden on account of losses occasioned by lack of adequate protection.

Our Committee on Insurance have been in the habit of recommending that our Subordinate Lodges be reminded of the fact that they should carry adequate fire protection, but it is apparent that in some cases at least, little or no attention has been given to this very vital matter. Our buildings, furniture and regalia represent the investment of trust funds, and as such, it is our bounden duty to protect them to the limit of our power. I am of the opinion that the Committee on Insurance should at this session thoroughly canvass the situation by making a survey of the individual reports of our Subordinate Lodges, and by embodying in their report a detailed statement of all Lodges whose records indicate that they are not carrying sufficient fire insurance.

I have long been of the opinion that if we could perfect arrangements whereby the entire property of our Subordinate Lodges could be covered by a Blanket or Floater Fire Insurance Policy, we would get away from the under-insurance feature which has beset us in the past, and with this in view I wrote the manager of The Canadian Fire Insurance Co. at Calgary, on Dec. 12th. I quote you the following from his reply:

"I have your letter of the 12th instant with regard to insurance for the Lodge property throughout the Province.

"This could be arranged by having a Floater Policy issued subject to the 100% Co-Insurance Clause. The rate outside of Calgary and Edmonton would be 3.50% per annum, and in the cities probably 2%. This, of course, would have to be confirmed by the Underwriters' Association, and policies written on this basis would be subject to the 100% Co-Insurance Clause; that is, it would be understood that the property at all locations would be insured to full value, and in the event of loss if it was found that the value exceeded the amount of insurance, the Lodge would become a co-insurer for the loss equal to the amount carried and the value."

"Possibly, however, a more convenient way would be for all Lodges to be required to send in once a year a statement of their property to the Grand Secretary, who would arrange for insurance on a schedule basis. In this way they would be insured up to 75% of the value, and as the Secretary of course has a list of all the Lodges, he could, a little ahead of renewal, see that the proper information is received, and we believe that the schedule in this way could be handled without a great deal of difficulty, and would insure the Lodges all being protected. In this case they would take the actual rate at the location in which the property is kept."

Whether either of the above plans could be worked out to our advantage I hesitate to say. The adoption of either one of them would

demand not only a great deal of extra work on the part of our Grand Secretary, but also the fullest co-operation from our Subordinate Lodges. I therefore refrain from making any recommendation, but ask your earnest consideration of the whole matter.

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

While there is still much to be desired as regards the conduct and accomplishments of our District Meetings, I have reason to feel that, in the majority of cases, this year's meetings have been an improvement on those I attended as Grand Warden and Deputy Grand Master. As noted elsewhere in this report, an attempt was made to carry the conference idea into these meetings, and while I did not have the time to organize this work as I would have liked, I am of the opinion it was of some value, and hope it will be further developed next year.

If the resolutions passed at the various District Meetings are presented at this session of Grand Lodge, we should have material for considerable discussion, not only in regard to the present district regulations, but in the interests of our Subordinate Lodges also.

The idea is prevalent that the rules governing our districts and district meetings need revising. Adopted in 1923, they were more or less in the nature of an experiment, and it is only reasonable to suppose that weaknesses would appear as time went on, yet there has been little or no change in them. Following are some of the suggestions which have been put forward for the improvement of our meetings.

1. Increased voting power to be accomplished by granting past Delegates the right to vote, subject to a provision for the calling for a representative vote if deemed necessary.
2. Increased representation from our Subordinate Lodges.
3. Removal of limit on number of meetings that may be held per year.
4. Printing of rules and regulations with standing resolutions in our Journal of Proceedings each year.

Resolutions concerning the above points, as well as others, will doubtless be presented for your consideration, and I have cited the above as evidence of the fact that some of our districts at least are giving some thought to these questions.

The lack of knowledge regarding our district meetings is due largely to the fact that the copies of rules and regulations which were sent out originally to our District Deputy Grand Masters to be passed on by them to their successors, have been lost or destroyed; consequently there is little or no preparation, and the meeting suffers. One result of this of the minutes of their 1928 annual meetings to the Grand Master. This state of affairs was that approximately five districts submitted copies of the minutes of their 1928 Annual Meetings to the Grand Master. This necessitated more or less correspondence in connection with recommendations for D.D.G.M., and also led to a few misunderstandings in regard to the dates of annual meetings in 1929. Due to the fact that all districts have been particularly requested to forward copies of the minutes of their annual meetings to me as soon as convenient, the list is fairly complete at this date, and as a result, your incoming Grand Master will be spared a great deal of extra work. I would like to add to suggestion No. 4 a clause to the effect that copies of the rules and regulations governing districts be furnished each incoming District Deputy Grand Master.

In my report as Grand Warden (Journal of Proceedings, 1928), I made the suggestion that notices of motion be submitted to our district meetings for discussion. A further suggestion has been made this year that notices of motion be not entertained by Grand Lodge unless they have the endorsement of the districts in which they originate. Placing this responsibility on our districts should be for their betterment; it might also result in our evading to some extent what I might term "notice of motion" epidemics with which we are afflicted from time to time.

The idea is prevalent to some extent that a resolution passed at a district meeting automatically comes before Grand Lodge by virtue of the minutes of that meeting being forwarded to the Grand Master. This is the reason, I think, why we have in the past heard so little from our district meetings at our Grand Lodge sessions. I am of the opinion that our districts should be given the right to present resolutions, recommendations, etc., to Grand Lodge, in addition to the endorsement of notices of motion, as mentioned in the paragraph just preceding.

CONFERENCES

During the year this Jurisdiction has been signally honored by visits from Bro. M. M. Logan, Deputy Grand Sire, and Bro. Will S. Miller, General Commanding, Patriarchs Militant.

While Bro. Miller's mission had particular reference to the Patriarch's Militant branch of the Order, his observations were of interest to all those present, stressing as they did the necessity of keeping our Subordinate Lodges and Encampments in a healthy condition, since from these sources our Cantons must receive the support of new membership. Bro. Miller stressed the advisability of our subordinates making a determined effort to increase their membership through the medium of procuring classes of five or more worthy candidates. Since the trend of Bro. Miller's remarks was largely in line with ideas that were presented by our Deputy Grand Sire, and which will be recorded at length, I will not take up space by repeating them here. Those who attended this conference were impressed with the very deep interest of Bro. Miller in the work of all branches of the Order, as well as his almost unbounded enthusiasm. Those who listened to his address on Monday evening, May 6th, received a message both inspiring and uplifting.

It was a matter of regret that the visit of our Deputy Grand Sire, Bro. M. M. Logan, on July 11th, came during the week of the Calgary Stampede, as this doubtless affected the attendance both at the conference which was held in the afternoon, and the address given by Bro. Logan in the evening.

In addition to your Grand Master, the following officers and past officers of the Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment and Rebekah Assembly were in attendance when Bro. Logan opened the conference in the afternoon:

Bros. R. B. Morden, D.G.M., O. E. Tisdale, G.S., G. W. Henderson, G.T., A. E. May, P.G.M., G.R., A. R. Campbell, P.G.M., G.R., J. H. Ross, P.G.M., R. A. Parker, P.G.M., S. E. Dafoe, Grand Herald, W. G. Anderson, D.D.G.M., F. J. Hawkes, Grand Patriarch, Dave Wilson, Grand Scribe, M. S. Saunders, P.G.P., J. J. B. Little, P.G.P., Sisters Martin, Pres. R.A., Saunders, Vice-Pres. R.A., McGregor, Warden, and Sisters Hawkes and Rogers, Past Presidents. Bro. Walford, editor of "The Alberta Odd Fellow," was also present.

and some remarks on the conditions he had met at other conferences, The Deputy Grand Sire, after a review of the State of the Order,

asked observations and suggestions from those present, of which the following are excerpts:

BRO. SCHRODER, Grand Master:

i. Reasons why we are losing members:

(a). Neglect of Subordinate Lodges by Grand Lodge Officers.

We have 118 working Lodges in this Jurisdiction. During 1928, 61 of these Lodges did not receive a visit from any officer of the Grand Lodge. Of the same 61, 7 have not been visited for the past 6 years, 5 more have not been visited for 5 years, and 9 others for the past four years. With our Lodges scattered over a territory approximately seven hundred miles from north to south, and three hundred miles from east to west, it cannot be expected that the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Warden, each of whom has his own business affairs to attend to, will cover all of our Lodges in the course of a year, but we have apparently been giving little thought to any systematic plan of visitations, whereby Lodges missed one year would be visited the next. We are attempting to remedy this at present.

(b) We are at present witnessing a very marked enthusiasm for membership in service clubs, as well as in other fraternal organisations both classes of which are giving great publicity to their work, in consequence of which they are attracting to their following, numbers of men who would otherwise be material for us. The opinion has been advanced that these organisations will have their day, but even assuming this will be the case, they are for the time being, constituting a serious opposition for us to combat in our efforts to increase our membership. Some of these organisations are doing charitable work in their respective communities—work which we might well have, and would doubtless have been doing, had we been given the necessary latitude a few years ago. They had the vision and seized the opportunity; we passed it by.

(c). We have not faced the fact that world conditions have been steadily changing, and so have neglected to keep pace. The result is that the young man of today does not find the appeal in Odd Fellowship that he gets in the organisations referred to above. We must make our Order attractive for the young man, and recent legislation permitting the formation of sports clubs and the like, is a step in the right direction.

(d). Are our minimum fees for initiation and degrees too low?

The average outsider, who is not conversant with our aims and accomplishments, is apt to compare membership in this Order with membership in another, on a money basis. If he can become a member of this Order for say \$25.00, while it will cost him \$75.00 to join another, and he is willing to invest the latter amount in a membership, there will be a tendency to pick out the more expensive one, the assumption being that what costs more should have more to offer. This clause, I may say, is more in the nature of a suggestion than a statement of a common condition, though I have heard of cases that worked out as above stated.

(e) Lack of trained officers in our Subordinate Lodges:

Advancement to the chair of Noble Grand, particularly where the membership is limited, is often a mere matter of seniority of membership, no attention being given to merit. While this practice continues, we cannot look for prosperous subordinates, since the welfare of any Lodge is largely dependent on its leaders. The office of Financial Secretary is one which in many cases is filled in a very inefficient manner, when the greatest care and forethought should be given to the selection

of the one who is to fill this position. The financial welfare of the Lodge is largely in his hands, and we all realize, no matter what line of endeavor we are engaged in, that if our finances are not in a healthy condition, we are under a serious handicap.

2. Remedies attempted and proposed:

(a). At the last session of our Grand Lodge, Bro. R. A. Parker, P.G.M., was appointed Assistant to the Grand Secretary. His duties consist of visiting our Subordinate Lodges, assisting them in checking up on suspensions, making reinstatements, and in any other manner which he deems fit, helping them to cope with their difficulties. His program includes the visiting of every Subordinate Lodge in the Jurisdiction during the year and this, in connection with visits made by our Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden and myself, will dispose of the criticism contained in Section 1, Clause (a).

(b). I am suggesting to our Advisory Board that the conference idea be extended to our District Meetings which will be held this fall, such conferences to include a representative of Grand Lodge, the District Deputy Grand Master, and the elective officers of each Subordinate Lodge in the District; the results of these conferences to be transmitted to Grand Lodge for discussion at our next session.

Bro. Morden, Deputy Grand Master:

Recommended the following out of Bro. Miller's suggestion that Subordinate Lodges endeavor to secure candidates in classes, also that incoming District Deputy Grand Masters be installed into office at our Grand Lodge Sessions.

Bro. Tisdale, Grand Secretary:

Subordinate Lodge officers do not accept the responsibilities of their respective offices, resulting in slipshod methods in Lodge procedure and Degree work.

Bro. Hawkes, Grand Patriarch:

Believed legislation which permits encampments to hold meetings throughout their districts was proving beneficial.

Sister Martin, President, R.A.:

There is a lack of individual enthusiasm among our members, due to ignorance of the teachings of the Order.

Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment and Rebekah Assembly officers should do their utmost in visiting the Subordinates under their respective jurisdictions.

Sister Saunders, Vice-President, R.A.:

Suggested the formation of special committees to visit members who are not attending meetings of their Lodges, also to keep in touch with members who change their place of residence.

The Deputy Grand Sire, in commenting on the foregoing, congratulated the officers of the various branches on the interest shown, as well as on their attempts to advance the work of the Order in this Jurisdiction.

In regard to the Grand Master's suggestion about our fees, he admitted that we had not increased our rates as the purchasing power of our currency had declined; and while an upward revision might be in order, we would have to keep in mind the fact that we must not make our charges prohibitive to those of limited means.

He suggested the utmost of co-operation between the various branches of the Order, and recommended the appointment of committees by the Rebekah and Encampment branches to keep in touch with new Subordinate Lodge members with a view to having them apply for membership in these branches.

Other suggestions were as follows:

The formation of Committees on Suspensions, to report to their Lodges monthly.

The devoting of one month per year to securing reinstatements.

That we devote one meeting per month to the teaching of Odd Fellowship in our Subordinate Lodges.

That we seek to improve the standard of our Subordinate Lodge officers.

In closing, Bro. Logan suggested that a conference be held at the end of the year, to check up on what had been accomplished and to formulate plans for the future.

A splendid address on the aims and accomplishments of Odd Fellowship, delivered by Bro. Logan in the evening, concluded what was a most interesting and instructive program for all who were in attendance.

23 LEADERSHIP IN OUR SUBORDINATE LODGES

Elsewhere in this report has been noted the fact that numbers of our Subordinate Lodges are suffering on account of the lack of efficient leadership.

I would like to repeat the words of Bro. Merrill, Past Grand Sire, and which I quoted in my report of last year:

"Odd-Fellowship lives, works, or achieves or fails to achieve success, in the Subordinate Bodies of the Order."

Nobody will attempt to refute the truth of this statement, I am sure.

What then can we expect if our Subordinate Lodges, the training ground for our membership, are improperly officered; if those officers consider that their entire duties consist of being in their chairs at a majority of the meetings during the term?

I am free to confess that this is a serious problem for any Lodge, but more so for the one whose membership is limited, since its field for selection is limited, but that should not alter the fact that no member should be nominated for office unless he has given evidence not only of merit, but also of being cognizant of the duties he will be obligated to perform.

Fortunately this is not a general condition, though a very present one in some instances, and I would ask you to give it serious thought.

Bear in mind that a Lodge is no better than its officers.

24 THE FRATERNAL PRESS

Most of us, I presume, subscribe for a newspaper because we wish to keep in touch with world events. It is therefore logical to suppose that if we wish to know what is going in the world of Odd Fellowship,

we should be subscribers to some periodical that is published in the interests of our Order.

In "The Alberta Odd Fellow" we have a fraternal publication which compares favorably with any that is published in Western Canada, and as such it is our duty to support it to the fullest of our ability—not only by becoming subscribers, but by furnishing the editor with news items from our Lodges.

I would commend this publication to the attention and support of our membership.

25 PUBLICITY

"A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid," but in spite of the striking truth of this quotation, we are in most instances inclined to shun anything that savors of publicity.

Seldom is there any mention in the press of the Sessions of our Grand Lodge, if we except the press of the city in which our Sessions are held. Last summer, the visit of Bro. Logan, Deputy Grand Sire to Calgary, though it was an outstanding event in the annals of Alberta Odd Fellowship, drew approximately one inch of space in one of the Calgary daily papers.

We cannot blame the daily press for this state of affairs. They are interested in publishing news items, but are not always in a position to assemble all the necessary data. The fault is largely with us in that we do not take the proper steps to let our doings be made known. If we want the world at large to be interested in our progress, we must acquaint the public with our activities.

I leave with you for your consideration, the following quotation from the report of Bro. E. W. Bradford when Grand Sire: "I earnestly urge the value of dignified public notices referring to the work of our Order."

26 JUNIOR BRANCH

Under the provisions of legislation adopted at the last Session of Sovereign Grand Lodge, Grand Jurisdictions have now the power to authorize the establishment of Junior Lodges.

Qualifications for admission to Junior Lodges by initiation are the same as those applying to our Subordinate Lodges, except that the age limits are between fourteen and eighteen years. Provision is also made for the admission of Third Degree members who are in good standing in their Subordinate Lodges.

I have been asked for information regarding the Ritual to be used in this branch, but have been unable to give any since rituals will not be supplied this Grand Lodge unless we legislate for the establishment of a Junior Branch in this Jurisdiction.

Opinions are divided as to the advisability of our taking any action at the present time, but from the interest already shown, I expect the matter will be thoroughly discussed at this Session.

27 EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, I.O.O.F.

I would like to draw the attention of our membership to the above organization.

Authorized by the 1927 Session of Sovereign Grand Lodge, it has for its object the assisting of the children of Odd Fellows, and partic-

ularly those of deceased Odd Fellows, in securing the privileges of a higher education. Loans on approved applications are made at the rate of \$300.00 per annum per person, or \$1,000.00 for four years, and carry interest at the rate of 5% per annum. Funds are secured through the medium of voluntary contributions. Up to June 30th, 1929, receipts totalled approximately \$8,000.00, out of which \$3,750.00 had been advanced to fourteen applicants. It is anticipated that the amount required to meet demands of applicants will soon be in excess of receipts, and your support of this worthy cause is solicited.

Contributions may be forwarded to Flora E. Sheets, Secretary, Chicago, Ill.

STATE OF THE ORDER

I have purposely left this subject for discussion near the conclusion of this report, since I am of the opinion that a good many of the preceding articles have had to do with the matter. In consequence this will be more in the nature of a review than otherwise.

I had hoped that figures for June 30th, 1928, would be available for purposes of comparison, but as our Subordinate Lodges reported only once for that year, viz.: December 31st, no conclusions of a comparative nature can be arrived at. However, from what is a practically complete return for the term ending June 30th, 1929, our Subordinate Lodges show a net increase of approximately 100 members, initiations and suspensions for the term being respectively about 200 and 100, with other gains and losses offsetting each other. While this is encouraging in itself, I would not presume to predict from it that our figures for the end of the year will be equally as good. Suspensions are usually heavier during the fall term, due to the practice of leaving this question out of our considerations till the end of the year, but I hope that my circular letters on this subject will have offset this practice to some extent at least. I have never, nor would I ask any Lodge to withhold suspensions where they are justified in making them, since the carrying of members who must ultimately be suspended, has under our present legislation, the result of penalizing the Lodge concerned in that it must pay to Grand Lodge the Per Capita Tax and Home Fund Assessment on such members. Reinstatements and affiliations will I hope, show an increase as a result of my request that these activities be taken up intensively during the month of November, but results will not be known in time to include in this report.

From observation however, I am very optimistic as to the results we will show as regards our membership. With very few exceptions, I have found in the Lodges I have visited, a desire to get down to real work—the kind of work that brings results—and in support of this statement I would point to the fact that four new Lodge buildings have been opened during the year; at Gleichen, Medicine Hat, Wainwright and Canmore. This in connection with the fact that thirteen of our Lodges reported initiations ranging from five to thirteen in number for the June term, would indicate that a more aggressive spirit is in evidence, which should undoubtedly show gratifying results.

But while we would regard an increase in our membership with feelings of pride and satisfaction, let us not overlook the fact that in a sense, increasing our membership is but incidental to the work of our Order. We are obligated to perform certain duties. Are we endeavoring to live up to our obligations, or are we "passing by on the other side" as did the Priest and the Levite? In other words, has there not

been a tendency of late years to allow our morale, or "esprit de corps" to deteriorate? With that restored, our membership would take care of itself to a large extent.

Just a word of warning, lest we should find this year's results encouraging to such an extent that we might be tempted to slacken our efforts. Nothing will kill progress more rapidly and effectively than self-satisfaction. Consistent and continuing effort we must put forth if we are to show progress.

I would like before leaving this subject, to quote you from a recent article by Sir Henry Thornton, a few words which are very pertinent and very applicable to our own affairs. He says, "Our work is never finished. The minute satisfaction sets in, so does mortification. We must be self-competitive, fighting for new life, new business, new progress, new knowledge and vision."

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RECOMMENDATIONS

In addition to recommendations already made in the earlier portions of this report, I submit the following:

1. That a detailed statement of our membership by Lodges be published each year in our Journal of Proceedings, such statement to be under the following heads:
 - (a) Membership at begining of year.
 - (b) Additions:
 - Errors last report.
 - Initiations.
 - Admitted by card.
 - Reinstated.
 - (c) Total.
 - (d) Deductions:
 - Errors last report.
 - Withdrawn.
 - Suspended.
 - Expelled.
 - Resigned.
 - Deceased.
 - (e) Total Deductions.
 - (f) Membership at end of Term.
2. That a definite period be set aside at each Session of Grand Lodge for the discussion of our Subordinate Lodge problems.
3. That a follow-up system be inaugurated in respect to those of our members who change their place of residence, with the object that they be influenced to transfer their membership to their nearest Lodge.
4. That amendments to our Grand and Subordinate Lodge Constitutions be considered not more frequently than every third year, except insofar as may be necessary to conform to new legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.
5. That the duty of forwarding Semi-Annual Reports and Per Capita Tax and Home Fund Assessment be transferred from the District Deputy Grand Masters to the Financial Secretaries of their respective Lodges.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

To all who have by their support and co-operation assisted me in the work of the past year, I tender my sincere appreciation.

To Bro. Tisdale, Grand Secretary, and Bro. Parker, P.G.M., with whom I have been most closely associated during the year, my thanks are due for their wise counsel and assistance, freely given at all times.

To the officers and members of our Subordinate Lodges whose work throughout the year has been of untold assistance to me, I would say that their efforts are gratefully acknowledged.

For the entertainment provided and welcome given me, not only by our Lodges, but by individual members, I thank you, one and all.

During the year I have made many new friendships; in fact, I think that among my most pleasant recollections of this term of office are these of the numerous contacts I have made with the members of our Order in all parts of the Jurisdiction. It is my earnest hope that in the years to come I will have the opportunity of renewing these acquaintances.

CONCLUSION

The record of my year's work is before you, and in presenting it I am reminded that I will soon be passing my authority to a very worthy successor, for whom I bespeak that same measure of co-operation and support which you have accorded me.

In judging my work, I trust that you will be lenient with my shortcomings, and interpret my actions from the fraternal rather than the judicial standpoint. Recognising that man is human and prone to err, I admit that I have made mistakes, but where such is the case, they have been honestly made, and the good of the Order has at all times been my foremost consideration.

You have done me the honor of conferring on me the highest rank it is in your power to bestow, and I am conscious of my inability fittingly to express my appreciation. I have throughout the year, endeavored to express that appreciation in acts rather than in words, and my sincere hope is that some day, somehow, I may be afforded the opportunity of repaying Odd Fellowship for the signal recognition accorded me by this Grand Jurisdiction.

I have endeavored to place before you in simple phrases, the condition of our Order as I see it in this Jurisdiction, together with what I hope may prove some worth while suggestions as to the steps we should take to better its condition.

As a valedictory message I would leave with you a record of what I consider Odd Fellowship stands in need to today: Converts to our belief, Consecration to our principles, and Co-operation in our efforts. Let "Unselfish Service" be our watchword, and with it bear in mind this thought: "Let none of us be foolish enough to wish for that which we are not willing to work for."

All of which is sincerely and fraternally submitted.



Grand Master

Deputy Grand Master's Report

Lethbridge, Alta., January 7th, 1930.

To the Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F.

Brothers:—

In presenting my report for the past year I desire to express my appreciation for the kindness and courtesy extended to me by the members of the Order at all the meetings I have had the pleasure of attending.

As the date for the Grand Lodge Session draws near we are reminded that another year has passed and another page has been written to the history of Oddfellowship in Alberta. At this time we naturally look forward with renewed faith in Our Order and trust that the coming year will be one of enthusiasm and activity in all branches of Oddfellowship.

During the year I have had the pleasure of making Official Visits to the following Lodges:—

Lethbridge Lodge, No. 2	Lethbridge
Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 3	Medicine Hat
Mountain View Lodge, No. 4	Macleod
Foothill Lodge, No. 13	Claresholm
High River Lodge, No. 22	High River
Unity Lodge, No. 23	Granum
Beaver Lodge, No. 27	Stavely
Viaduct Lodge, No. 3	Lethbridge
Diamond Lodge, No. 71	Picture Butte
Mizpah Lodge, No. 72	Lethbridge
Boy Island Lodge, No. 80	Bow Island
Samaritan Lodge, No. 91	Vulcan
Coalhurst Lodge, No. 105	Coalhurst
Lees Creek Lodge, No. 123	Cardston
Lomond Lodge, No. 127	Lomond
Etzikom Lodge, No. 128	Etzikom
Mountain View Rebekah Lodge, No. 23	Macleod
Dominion Rebekah Lodge, No. 41	Lethbridge
Royal Rebekah Lodge, No. 85	Coalhurst
Wanda Rebekah Lodge, No. 90	Carmangay
Faith Rebekah Lodge, No. 93	Lethbridge

I attended a conference held in Calgary, on May 6th, by General Commanding W. C. Miller, and one held in Calgary, on July 11th, by Deputy Grand Sire M. M. Logan.

I had the privilege of assisting with petitions for Charters for Rebekah Lodges at Claresholm and Etzikom and also had the pleasure of assisting the Institution of these Lodges.

With only one exception all the Lodges visited held very good meetings and seem to be taking a renewed interest in Oddfellowship.

I attended District Meetings as follows:

District No. 3, at Bow Island.
District No. 4, at Lethbridge.
District No. 7, at Stavely.
District No. 8, at Vulcan.
District No. 9, at High River.

also Rebekah District Meetings held at Macleod and Lethbridge.

While these District Meetings were well attended and considerable discussion took place the powers of a District are so limited that very little business can be transacted and I would recommend that this Grand Lodge take the necessary steps to give Districts more power and also to make them the connecting link between the Subordinate Lodges and the Grand Lodge.

It might add enthusiasm if this Grand Lodge were to adopt the plan carried out by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba of presenting the Commissions to the District Deputies and investing them with their collars during the Grand Lodge Session.

I had planned to make several visits during December and also to accompany Bro. Parker, P.G.M., and the Grand Master on some of their visits, but was prevented from doing so by the weather and the condition of the roads.

During the year Bro. Parker, P.G.M., has been a great benefit and help to many of the Lodges and members as well as to the Officers of the Grand Lodge and I would recommend that his appointment be continued.

In conclusion I wish to thank the officers and members of this Grand Lodge for the honor conferred upon me by advancing me to the office of Deputy Grand Master and regret that circumstances have prevented me from devoting more time to the work of Oddfellowship. To all those who accompanied me on my visitations or helped in any way I extend my sincere thanks.

Fraternally Submitted,

R. B. MORDEN, D.G.M.

Grand Warden's Report

To the Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F.:

Brethren:—

3 In submitting herewith a report of my stewardship as your Grand Warden for the past year I do so realizing all my shortcomings and failures.

I have endeavored to carry out the wishes of the Grand Master and render what service I could to the Order.

I have not visited as extensively as I had intended to do at the beginning of the year but trust that at least I have been able to be a credit to the trust reposed in me.

In addition to the visitations which I have to report it was my pleasure at the request of the Grand Master to attend three District Meetings, namely:

District No. 11 which was held on October 24th, in Hillhurst Lodge, No. 46, and which proved very interesting and of which I trust the Grand Master received a copy of the minutes.

District No. 13, which was held on November 5th, in Sandstone City Lodge, No. 17. This also proved to be a very interesting meeting and it was also pointed out that the Grand Master should have a copy of the minutes.

District No. 17, which was held on November 12th in Rawdonville Lodge, No. 50, in Swalwell. This meeting was well attended and much enthusiasm was displayed by those present. The case of Irricana Lodge, No. 84, was brought up but there was no representative from that Lodge present so nothing definite could be done but it was thought by the other representatives that this Lodge should be placed in a District with some of the Calgary Lodges. The Grand Master was also to receive a copy of the minutes of this meeting.

I also attended the meetings of the Advisory Board in the Grand Secretary's office on May 5th and 6th, and also again on July 11th.

It was also my privilege and pleasure to attend the Sessions of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, held in the city of Yorkton, on June 12 and 13th. As I have rendered a full account of this visit to the Grand Secretary it will be found elsewhere in the report of the Officers.

VISITATIONS

March 8th.—To Alberta Lodge, No. 1, Calgary, in company with the Grand Master. This was a regular meeting and no Degree work was put on.

March 11th.—To Esther Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, with Sisters Saunders, Deputy President of the Rebekah Assembly of Alberta.

March 12th.—To Sandstone City Lodge, No. 17, Calgary. A regular meeting and no Degree Work.

March 18th.—To St. George Lodge, No. 39, Calgary. A regular meeting and no Degree Work.

March 21st.—To Hillhurst Lodge, No. 46, Calgary. This was a regular meeting at which the members of Bow Valley Lodge, No. 89, of Cochrane, were also present.

March 22nd.—To Alberta, No. 1, Calgary. A regular meeting and no Degree Work.

April 11th.—To Crescent Lodge, No. 81. A regular meeting and no Degree Work.

April 15th.—To Sandstone Rebekah Lodge, No. 83, Calgary, with Sister Martin, President of Rebekah Assembly.

May 6th.—To St. George Lodge, No. 39, Calgary, with Bro. M. S. Schroder, Grand Master.

May 8th.—To Crossfield Lodge, No. 42, with the officers and members of Sandstone City Lodge, No. 17, at which the Initiatory Degree was conferred.

May 30th.—To Airdrie Lodge, No. 34, Airdrie, Alberta, with Bro. R. A. Parker, P.G.M. I have not heard since that our efforts with this Lodge have brought out any results for the Good of the Order.

July 4th.—To Hillhurst Lodge, No. 46, Calgary. Joint Installation of the Officers of Alberta Lodge, No. 1, St. George Lodge, No. 39 and Hillhurst Lodge, No. 46.

August 7th.—To Royal Lodge, No. 86, Calgary. A regular meeting and no Degree Work.

August 15th.—To Didsbury Lodge, No. 18. Regular Meeting and official visit of Bro. W. G. Anderson, D.D.G.M.

August 20th.—To Bow Valley Lodge, No. 89, Cochrane. This was a pleasant evening as it was a fraternal visit by the members of Hillhurst Lodge, No. 46, and the official visit of Bro. R. S. MacMillan, D.D.G.M.

September 28th.—To Banff Lodge, No. 48, Banff. This was a Special Meeting of Banff Lodge to receive the members of the Calgary Lodges. We were favored by having with us Bro. M. S. Schroder, Grand Master, Brother O. E. Tisdale, Grand Secretary, Bro. G. W. Henderson, Grand Treasurer, and a large turnout of the Calgary brothers. This turned out to be about the best trip of its kind for many years as far as the Calgary brothers were concerned, and we are hoping that Banff Lodge will permit us to make it an annual event.

October 16th.—To Gleichen Lodge, No. 144, Gleichen, with a large number of the brethren of the Calgary Lodges, who put on the First and Second Degrees.

In conclusion, allow me to express my thanks to the members of this Grand Lodge who saw fit to elect me to the high office of Grand Warden and I trust that although I have not accomplished all that I had hoped to do that I at least in some way have merited their selection.

Fraternally Submitted,

D. F. CHRISTIE,
Grand Warden.

Report of Assistant to Grand Secretary

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

"Fortunate indeed is the man who is always in a position to say what he thinks and who can afterwards remember what he said.

3½ In submitting this report I am recommending certain changes which are not in accordance with present methods of procedure. I trust that all will understand that nothing of a personal nature is intended. They are made after careful consideration, a thorough knowledge of conditions in all parts of the jurisdiction except the extreme north and with a firm belief that present conditions justify us in launching out on a broader interpretation of the principles of Odd Fellowship.

It was April first before I was in a position to enter on the work of the Grand Lodge. After studying conditions for the past year I feel that what we need most is a clearer vision of "our" individual responsibility. More prompt attention to correspondence on the part of some of our Subordinate Lodges. A more efficient system of collecting our dues and an order of business that will permit us to come in closer touch with the community and social life of the districts in which the Lodges are located.

As a first step toward bringing these changes about I would recommend that the financial and recording secretaries of the jurisdiction be organized into an association. That conferences or schools of instruction be held at convenient points under the supervision of the Grand Lodge at which the problems with which the secretaries have to contend will be discussed by the brothers holding the offices. This applies with greater force to the financial secretaries than to the recording, but in some cases there is room for improvement in both.

From a membership point of view some may be disappointed with the showing made but my efforts this year were directed toward the revival of interest in the Lodges already in existence, rather than toward the starting of new Lodges. I am of the opinion that this policy should be changed during the coming year and a more active campaign for the institution of new Lodges undertaken, special attention being given to Vermillion, Olds, Coronation, and one or two other points. I feel that the jurisdiction is in a much better position than it was a year ago but there is still room for a great deal of improvement.

During the past many reasons have been advanced for the falling off in membership. I have tried to keep them all in mind while visiting the Lodges of this jurisdiction, and I am frank to admit that I cannot make very many of them fit into the situation as I find it. The past ten years has marked the commencement of a period wherein the view point of mankind has undergone a great change. The conservative policy refraining from telling the world of your good deeds no longer appeals to him. The fraternal society that is making the greatest progress today is the one that keeps itself before the public.

Men released from the iron rule of military control sought greater social intercourse upon their return to private life. They turned to the better order of fraternal societies in the expectation of finding it there.

They joined the Odd Fellows' Lodges in large numbers believing that the moulding of community and social life to high standards was a part of the order of business in our Lodges. They understood that our interpretation of the teachings of the Good Samaritan made us the leaders of community and social life just as it made us the leaders of modern fraternalism. They met with a slight disappointment. Because of supervising legislation which was necessary at the time it was drafted we were prohibited from taking part in many of the efforts which modern society feel that they have a right to expect. The result is that they turned away from our Order and sought solace in the more modern efforts. Because society as a whole is doing the things for which Odd Fellowship laid the foundation in the past, men and women are taking for granted the things which were made in their behalf. It is strange if in a cold calculating world like ours we cannot find some new duties to perform.

The indifference which is in evidence among some of our Subordinate Lodges is in my opinion the result of supervising legislation which has failed to take into consideration the changing viewpoint of men. This is an age where service must not be restricted to the fraternal side of life if we are going to get the best results. Sacred signs and secret obligations no longer create the impressions that they should. There is a tendency on the part of some branches of society to turn the meaning of Friendship, Love and Truth into frivolous lures and thrill. To offset this it will be necessary for us to enter this field with a programme that will attract attention and lead men and women on toward the higher ideals of life.

I undertook this work with nothing in the way of precedent to guide me. I began visiting the Lodges un-announced for the purpose of getting an idea of just what conditions were like under normal conditions, but the results were very disappointing. In some instances the attendance was so small that the effort I had made was not justified. After a little more than a month I changed to the policy of sending notice at least two weeks in advance. The result of this was that the attendance more than doubled and the average attendance for all the meetings held now stands at twenty-four.

This improved attendance was only another proof that the members would turn out if there was something outside of the regular order of business to command their attention. The policy had just one weakness. It left no time to devote to cases where the conditions were worse than had been anticipated. I am of the opinion that this policy should be slightly changed during the coming year if the position is continued.

As I understand it the position I occupy was not created by Grand Lodge to provide a visiting representative. It must also be understood that I do not come with a solution of your difficulties. The Lodge or the individual that sits down and waits for some Good Samaritan to lead them into the promised land will always be a failure. The busy man can always find time to lend a helping hand but the indifferent man is always too busy to do anything. I have no more ability than the youngest member of our Order but by virtue of my closer association with the Lodges I am in a position to better understand the difficulties and it is this knowledge that I bring to you to use.

One of the first things that I noticed was that in many cases there was nothing to direct a stranger in town to the Lodge meetings. I would recommend that all Lodges secure neatly printed cards giving the date, place and time of meeting and hang them in the hotels and other

business places of the city and then be on hand ready to make the stranger welcome if he attends.

In carrying on the work I have tried as far as possible to avoid calling special meetings. When I decided that in order to get the best results it would be necessary for me to visit all Lodges I found a difficult task ahead of me. In some cases the Journal failed to give the meeting nights of the Lodges. In some case the Lodges had changed their meeting nights to twice a month and failed to have the fact recorded. 21 Lodges meet on Monday, 5 on the 1st & 3rd and 2 on the 2nd & 4th. 30 Lodges meet on Tuesday, 7 on the 1st & 3rd and 4 on the 2nd & 4th. 12 Lodges meet on Wednesday, 3 on the 1st & 3rd and 6 on the 2nd & 4th. 14 Lodges meet on Thursday, 5 on the 1st & 3rd and 2 on the 2nd & 4th. 2 Lodges meet on Friday and 1 on Saturday.

These figures properly arranged reveals the fact that many Lodges in the same District meet on the same nights. This is a serious mistake and should be remedied by some of the Lodges changing their nights of meeting. By doing this you will offer greater opportunities for the exchange of fraternal visits and there is nothing that will promote harmony and revive interest more than a policy of this kind.

Several of the Lodges extended invitations and asked for a visit. With the exception of one invitation from the Peace River country I have tried to comply with all requests. In some cases the response has not been as prompt as might have been desired. This is something that could not be avoided, as it was necessary to so arrange my work as to prevent overlapping if I was going to stay within the limit of expenses as fixed by the Grand Lodge. Even if there was no limit there would be no excuse for dodging back and forward over the same ground except in the case of emergencies and these have been attended too.

General conditions are more or less the same in all parts of the jurisdiction. Among the dormant Lodges the only difference is the degree to which the spirit of indifference has been permitted to eat into the consciousness of the members. The Goliath which has to be killed is the spirit which expects our brother to do the work which we should be doing, and blames the order for our failure to live up to our responsibilities. If we expect our order to live and prosper we must permit it to get in closer touch with the community life of the country. Our Lodges will have to be given more latitude in the conducting of their own affairs. Why ask them to obtain dispensations to preform the acts of a common humanity? We must so direct our efforts that the young men of our nation will be attracted to the standards of Odd Fellowship. Modern society has interpreted this to mean something more than caring for him when he is sick, burying him when he is dead and caring for his family.

Some of our failures has been attributed to lack of leadership in our Subordinate Lodges and this is no doubt a fact, but leadership cannot be developed where there is no responsibility. Our Subordinate Lodges must be something more than fraternal machines to carry out the instructions of those in authority over them, if we expect to develop leadership within their ranks. To this end I would recommend that at least one Session of our Grand Lodge be set aside for the consideration of those problems that most vitally affect the welfare of the Subordinate Lodges. That nothing of a legislative nature be introduced at this round table conference except in so far as it may affect the question under consideration. That the results be carried to the legislative Sessions in the form of a resolution.

General Wolfe once said: "The Paths of Glory lead but to the Grave." The paths to honor in our order must be defined by the record of service which we can produce. The Veteran Jewels which we wear should come to us for continuous service rather than for continuous membership. Our rituals are among the most beautiful in the world but the restrictions which govern us will have to be so remodeled as to permit us to become the pioneers of advancement today as our forefathers were the pioneers of fraternalism one hundred years ago.

A close study of conditions which affect the attendance at meetings of the Subordinate Lodges has caused me to come to these conclusions. If we are going to keep our order in the forefront of civilization we must make it the hub around which the better order of social and community life will revolve. This is a phase of fraternalism to which we have not devoted enough attention. The whole world is doing the things we taught them to do. Now we must take the path of the pioneer again.

The failure of our order to keep abreast of the times is seen with greatest effect in our loss of membership through suspensions for non-payment of dues. One of the most important offices in a Subordinate Lodge is that of the Financial Secretary. Among committees the Membership Committee ranks first. To assist them in their work I would like to see it made compulsory for the Recording Secretary of a Lodge to notify the Lodge closest to a brother who has moved that he is now in their territory and urge them to secure his application for transfer. A study of the list of Suspended Members, supplied by the Subordinate Lodges, reveals the fact that 60% of our loss in this class comes as a result of removals.

I am of the opinion that the majority of our Lodges fail in their duties because they do not insist on the Financial Secretary and the Membership Committee getting busy before the arrearages have started to pile up. If it is possible to develop the proper kind of a Secretaries Association this work could be made uniform. The duties of the Membership Committee as an assistant could be given more prominence. Where the Lodges are in a position to certify over the seal of the Lodge that a certain course of procedure has been followed for two years without results I believe that it would be advisable to make provision whereby they could send the names of these brothers to the Assistant to the Grand Secretary and he be given a chance to collect. That while this effort is being made the Subordinate Lodge be relieved from the payment of per capita tax.

We are continually urging the Subordinate Lodges not to suspend members and I believe it would be advisable to offer them as much assistance as possible. While head office is trying to collect I am of the opinion that the Subordinate Lodge should be relieved from the payment of per capita tax, for the reason that no law of the order would be violated and no loss of revenue would be incurred as while the member is suspended he is non-revenue producing. In case of failure to collect a list of the names would be supplied to Grand Lodge and on motion referred back to the Subordinate Lodge with the recommendation that they suspend. The added publicity thus obtained might act as an incentive for the brother to keep his name out of this class.

The question of suspensions would not be so alarming were it not for the fact that the effort to secure new members has ceased. In no part of the Jurisdiction is this more in evidence than in the large cities of the Province. It requires an effort to secure an application today as compared with twenty-five years ago and the reason is found in the fact that we have ceased to talk Odd Fellowship on the streets of our cities.

The young man of today finds nothing attractive in the restricted path which we are compelled to follow. As one step toward overcoming this situation I believe that it would be advisable to adopt an order of business which would be known as, "Prospective Members." That when this order is reached the presiding officer call on those present to suggest the names of friends who in their opinion would make good members. The Secretary should keep a record of these names and when a limited number had been suggested the list would be closed for that night. Steps should then be taken to determine if there is any objections to any of the possible candidates, if none is recorded the brothers suggesting them should be requested to go out and secure the applications. The following night the lists should be checked to see what progress had been made. If no progress had been made someone else should take the name.

There is another branch of our work that is not up to standard. The Semi-Annual Reports are not being forwarded as promptly as they should be. When I commenced my work I found a list of twenty-five Lodges whose reports were not forwarded in time for the returns to be included in the report of the Grand Secretary. As I went around the Jurisdiction I tried to find out what the trouble was. In some cases the Lodges were discouraged and ready to turn in their charters, but you can imagine my surprise when I discovered that eleven of these Lodges had turned their reports over to the District Deputy in ample time and he had failed to forward them.

In this connection I would recommend that the duty of lifting the Semi-Annual Reports be taken away from the District Deputy and that the Financial Secretary of the Subordinate Lodges be made responsible for sending them in. The Grand Lodge will then be in a position where they can place the responsibility for the neglect. I would further recommend that where the delay in installing officers is liable to cause the Secretary to be late with his report, that he be authorized to forward same without waiting for the Installation Ceremony. There is nothing changed in the report except the names of the new officers and these could be forwarded by letter. Further I believe that it would be advisable to establish a fixed date when it is necessary for the December reports to be in the hands of the Grand Secretary in order for the figures to be included in the report and that this date be carried in the Journal under the heading of Standing Resolutions.

I have had the privilege of attending a large number of District Meetings and I am of the opinion that the grouping of a number of Lodges under one Deputy is not working out to the best advantage. The reason for this is found in the fact that enough consideration is not given to the selection of our District Deputies. When the matter comes up in the District Meeting the first question asked is, whose turn is it? With this thought in mind location takes first place over ability. I believe that where an efficient Deputy is found, his services should be retained just as long as he can be persuaded to serve, regardless of his location in the District. If our present system of appointment is to be continued then some of our Districts should be remodeled.

The District Meetings are in many cases a disappointment to those who are trying to develop the usefulness of our order. We have brought into existence a branch of our order and failed to give it the proper standing and authority. If our District Meetings are to serve the purpose for which they were intended, they should become a clearing house through which proposed Grand Lodge legislation should pass. At present the actions of a District Meeting has no standing and I am of the opinion that this is one of the reasons why more interest is not taken

in its meetings. An action decided upon by a District Meeting should at least have the same standing as a notice of motion introduced in Grand Lodge by a private member.

There is another place where our Subordinate Lodges are suffering. Enough attention is not paid to the class of officers who are elected to fill the chairs. The presiding officer of a Lodge has it within his power to make or break his Lodge by the manner in which he handles the business that comes before him. Brothers are rushed through the chairs in order that they may have an opportunity of attending Grand Lodge, regardless of their qualifications as a presiding officer. The time may come when it will be considered advisable to remove the restrictions which call for the qualifications of a Past Grand in order to make a brother eligible to attend Grand Lodge.

Believing as I do that our order is suffering because of its failure to keep in close enough touch with present day developments, I have kept track of the attendance at all points that I visited and for my own information struck an age limit at 30, dividing the attendance along these lines. On a percentage basis the results reveal an attendance of 76% over that age. This is not a desirable condition of affairs and is worthy of very serious consideration.

There is a tendency on the part of some of our Lodges to dodge the responsibility of meeting during what has become known as the summer holidays. Proposed legislation contemplated the legalizing of a holiday which I believe is a move in the right direction. If this is acted upon might I be permitted to suggest that it be surrounded with restrictions which will require the Lodges to secure the formal consent of our Grand Secretary before taking the holiday. The Grand Secretary is mentioned rather than our Grand Master, for the reason that it is necessary that this information be furnished to him in order that he may be in a position to keep his records in shape and furnish information when needed.

VISITATIONS

No. 1—

March 5.—Visited Acme Lodge, No. 65 accompanied by 12 members from No. 50. Stormy weather prevented a degree team from Calgary coming out but the Initiatory Degree was conferred by the Acme Degree team in a creditable manner.

No. 2—

March 16.—Attended meeting of Rawdonville Lodge, No. 50, and witnessed the conferring of the Initiatory Degree on four candidates. This Lodge was very quiet for a long time but is now going strong.

No. 3—

March 19.—Again visited Acme Lodge, accompanied by 18 brothers from No. 50 and four candidates for the First Degree. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition and its members are striving to become a social power in the community.

No. 4—

April 4.—Attended anniversary of the fountding of Ponoka Lodge No. 11. This Lodge showed a loss last year as the result of suspensions but promises to overcome it this year.

No. 5—

April 9.—Visited Taber Lodge, No. 25. If the strict letter of the law had been followed the charter of this Lodge should have been lifted

some time ago. There is ample room for a Lodge at this point but the resident members appear to lack the ability to keep it going. I decided to return on April 28th, for anniversary services which were being planned by the United Church clergyman.

No. 6—

April 10.—Visited Bow Island, but as No. 80 met on the opposite Wednesday, no meeting was held.

No. 7—

April 11.—Arranged to accompany Grand Master Schroder on visit to Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 3. Bad roads made it impossible for the Grand Master to get through and I was compelled to proceed alone. This Lodge showed a heavy loss last year and their comeback the first part of this was not all that could be desired. The completion of their new hall should offer them an opportunity to show marked progress in the near future.

No. 8—

April 12.—Came into Calgary with the Grand Master and attended anniversary of the founding of Alberta Lodge, No. 1. Witnessed the presenting of four veteran jewels and enjoyed the evening.

No. 9—

April 16.—Attended meeting of Bow Valley Lodge, No. 89, of Cochrane, and witnessed conferring of Initiatory Degree by team from St. George's Lodge, No. 39, Calgary. This Lodge is in good condition and the members are working hard. They always manage to hold their own or show an increase.

No. 10—

April 17.—Attended meeting of Royal Lodge, No. 86, Calgary unannounced, and found the attendance very small. There are a number of hard working brothers connected with this lodge who are doing their best to keep the Lodge functioning, but they do not receive the proper amount of support and unless there is a marked change of sentiment in the near future I am of the opinion that this Lodge would do well to consider amalgamating with one of the other city Lodges.

No. 11—

April 23.—Made a trip to Blairmore to try and revive interest in this Lodge. The trouble at this point is one that affects all mining towns. The Lodge became financially stranded owing to the payment of heavy sick benefits. This is a condition that must be faced in all mining towns where the risk is great. Our present yearly dues do not justify the payment of a weekly sick benefit such as is paid by the majority of our Lodges. After a hard struggle we succeeded in getting the Lodge back on a working basis. They are not going ahead as rapidly as might be hoped for, but they are meeting and if mining conditions improve will prosper again.

No. 12—

April 25.—Visited Bellevue Lodge, No. 118, which was in much the same position as Blairmore. After considerable effort the brothers succeeded in getting their Lodge back on a working basis and are determined to forge ahead.

No. 13—

April 26.—Attended anniversary entertainment at hall of Coleman Lodge, No. 36, and found a spirit of sociability among the brothers.

This Lodge, like all others, has had its hard times but the fact that they have always been looked upon as the leaders of social life in their town has kept them well to the front.

No. 14—

April 27.—Returned to Taber and attended anniversary services, Held an informal meeting on Monday night at which nine brothers were present. The whole situation was gone into and it was decided to make a drive for new members. A list of some thirty prospects was secured and the brothers agreed to go out and secure the applications. I left for home to fulfil other appointments and the effort died right where I left it.

No. 15—

May 5.—Attended meeting of the Advisory Board on invitation of the Grand Master.

No. 16—

May 6.—Attended meeting of St. Georges Lodge, No. 39, with Grand Master and Grand Warden. This Lodge is in good shape financially and has always been very aggressive. At present it will require a special effort on the part of the members to revive interest in the work.

No. 17—

May 7.—Attended meetings of Sandstone City, No. 17, unannounced and found the brothers busy conferring the First Degree. This is one of the live Lodges in Calgary.

No. 18—

May 8.—Attended meeting of the shareholders of the Odd Fellows' Temple Company as one of the Grand Lodge committee.

No. 19—

May 12.—Attended meeting of Crescent Lodge, No. 81, of Calgary, unannounced, and found the brothers taking a keen interest of the work of the Order.

No. 20—

May 12.—Had the honor of appearing as the speaker of the afternoon at anniversary services held by Unity Lodge, No. 23, of Granum. The attendance was good but this Lodge is lacking in energy and of late the clerical part of the work is not receiving the attention that it should. Lodge contributed five dollars toward my expenses.

No. 21—

May 13.—Attended meeting of Foothill Lodge, No. 13, of Clarendon, and found interest in the work fairly good. The attendance was above the average. The business of the Lodge is well taken care of and the indications are that the losses of last year will be overcome.

No. 22—

May 14.—Visited High River Lodge, No. 22, and received a very hearty welcome. Through an error in the report last year there was a heavy loss reflected in the first semi-annual report of this year. Had the records been correct the Lodge would have recorded a splendid gain. Every member of this Lodge is doing his best to make the Lodge a success. There is a vibration which if maintained in all Lodges would spell unbounded success.

No. 23—

May 16.—Visited members of Barons Lodge, No. 60, accompanied by Bro. McQueen, District Deputy of Vulcan. This Lodge has been hovering between life and death for some time past. There is very little room for expansion owing to the fact that the district is comprised of large farms. Reports were brought up to date and the members decided to make a special effort toward the securing of re-instatements. If conditions do not materially improve in the near future it is possible that this Lodge will have to be amalgamated with one of the adjoining Lodges.

No. 24—

May 20.—Attended meeting of Edson Lodge, No. 92, on special invitation and had the privilege of presenting a fifty year jewel to one of the members. This Lodge is handicapped by the fact that a large number of their members are railroad men and find it difficult to attend lodge meetings. They are putting up a good fight and will hold their own this year.

No. 25—

May 21.—Visited Friendship Lodge, No. 7, of Edmonton, unannounced and found interest in the work of the Order good. This Lodge is making steady progress and the business of the Order is well taken care of.

No. 26—

May 22.—Went to Eckville in answer to a letter asking for assistance in starting a new Lodge. The work was gotten well under way and I left the brothers to complete the work and secure their cards. A very active Lodge has since been instituted at this point.

No. 27—

May 27.—Attended meeting of Wetaskiwin Lodge, No. 8, and from the few members present received a very hearty welcome. I greatly appreciate the efforts of Bro. Chandler, P.G.P. to attend. Hardly able to drag himself up the stairs, he came while others in the best of health walked the streets of the city. There is a splendid field for an active Lodge at this point but more energy will have to be injected into the membership.

No. 28—

May 28.—Attended meeting of Innisfail Lodge, No. 6. The noticeable feature of this meeting was the large number of young brothers in attendance. This Lodge showed a loss last year but it can be traced to the fact that an active drive for members was put on some time previous and having completed the work the new members were filled with energy but were left with nothing to do. The re-action was reflected in a falling off of interest.

No. 29—

May 29.—Visited Millett Lodge, No. 145. To visit this Lodge is like dropping into an oasis in a desert of indifference. The work of the Lodge is being well taken care of. The community spirit is very pronounced among the members and an active campaign for new members is being carried on.

No. 30—

May 30.—Visited Airdrie Lodge, No. 34, accompanied by Grand Warden Bro. Christie. Considering the total membership the attendance

at this meeting was one of the best I have come in contact with. The Lodge is well fixed financially but lacks an aggressive set of officers. The clerical work is neglected and the spirit of indifference is so marked that there is very little hope of securing new members. There are members to be had if there was the necessary interest displayed to go out and secure them.

No. 31—

June 3.—Visited Golden Link Lodge, No. 21, of Nanton, and witnessed the conferring of the third degree on three brothers. Nowhere can we find more convincing proof of the condition into which we have permitted our Order to drift than is found in the fact that when visiting Lodges nowadays we seldom if ever have the opportunity of witnessing the conferring of degrees. Ten years ago it was a surprise to visit a lodge that was not putting on degree work. This Lodge was hard hit by the suspension of absent brothers.

No. 32—

June 4.—Visited Penhold Lodge, No. 98. This Lodge is in fair shape financially but the membership has been permitted to dwindle down until there only remains the faithful few who have been trying to carry on. The whole situation was reviewed and a promise was given by those present that a special effort would be put forth to secure some new members. Up until the end of June this promise appeared to have been overlooked.

No. 33—

June 6.—Visited Beaver Lodge, No. 27, of Stavely. This Lodge is in fair shape. The finances are not any too strong and the Lodge as a whole lacks the energy to secure new members. There are some hard workers in this Lodge but the responsibility must be spread over more shoulders.

No. 34—

June 10.—Attended meeting of Plainview Lodge, No. 106, of Blackie, and was disappointed with conditions as I found them. The attendance was fair but it is difficult to understand the lack of interest which is in evidence. There is a number of good members, times are good, this is a good location for a Lodge, there are a number of good prospects in sight and in the face of these facts there is a lack of energy. A good old fashioned rally such as Odd Fellowship used to enjoy in days gone by is what is needed.

No. 35—

June 11.—Arranged to visit Namaka Lodge, No. 110, and was compelled to cancel my visit on account of sickness. This was my first fall down on the work.

No. 36—

June 12.—Visited Redcliffe Lodge, No. 90. Here again I found a reversal of conditions as far as attendance was concerned. All the brothers present were young men. This Lodge has nearly always shown an increase but they are handicapped by the fact that half of their members work at night. One thing to their credit is that when not at work they are at Lodge.

No. 37—

June 13.—Attended meeting of Bassano Lodge, No. 59, on invitation and am sorry to have to report another case of marked indifference. The Lodge is in a position where it exerts no influence in the community.

Financially they are in good shape, in fact, it might prove an incentive to work if they had to hustle a little more. An application was received the evening I was present but more time must be devoted to reviving interest in all branches of the work if any lasting progress is going to result.

No. 38—

June 19.—Visited Crossfield Lodge, No. 42, and found a bunch of hard working brothers who were doing all in their power to keep their Lodge in a progressive condition. They recorded a small gain last year and I think will continue to do so this. They were handicapped by the fact that their Noble Grand moved away, failed to resign and forgot to attend the meetings of his Lodge. I suggested to them that they declare the office vacant. There is nothing that will kill a Lodge quicker than the failure of its officers to realize their responsibility. You and I can't lead the fight from the rear of the line.

No. 39—

June 20.—Attended meeting at Hillhurst Lodge, No. 86, unannounced and found a very prosperous condition existing. I would suggest to the brother who is inclined to doubt the necessity for a more active community and social campaign in our Lodges that he visit this Lodge and study their efforts. There was a live interest in all phases of the work and progress was marked.

No. 40—

June 22.—Attended meeting of the Temple Committee who were serving as directors on the Odd Fellows' Temple Company Ltd.

No. 41—

June 24.—Spent the day in Wayne trying to revive interest in the work at that point. The Grand Master had tried to hold a meeting at that point but was unable to do so. I accomplished very little at the time. The situation at this point was affected by strike conditions and it will take them some time to recover but they are coming back.

No. 42—

June 24.—Accompanied Grand Master on visit to Drumheller Lodge, No. 111. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition and needs no assistance.

No. 43—

June 25.—Proceeded to visit Delia Lodge, No. 130, with the Grand Master and met with a spirit of indifference which appears to have spread all along this line. There are a few good members but there is no energy among them. They must get in some new members to help carry on and they must start to make their power felt in the community. If they do this they will succeed.

No. 44—

June 26.—Continued with the Grand Master to Craigmyle Lodge, No. 114 and continued to meet with lack of interest. The clerical work of the Lodge is very much neglected. There are a few members here who are working hard to keep the Lodge alive, but if they would work as hard to push it ahead and make it an asset of the community their difficulties would be solved.

No. 45—

June 27.—Visited Cornucopia Lodge, No. 125, of Big Valley, and found the most helpless group of members yet encountered. The moving

away of the division point caused them to lose a large number of members but this is no excuse for the balance to sit down and cry we can't succeed. There is material still left here for a good Lodge if the members only get their shoulders to the wheel and push. If a different spirit cannot be injected into the members of this Lodge it will have to be amalgamated with one of the neighboring Lodges.

No. 46—

June 28.—Completed the week by visiting Hanna Lodge, No. 99, with our Grand Master. The attendance at the meeting was fair. Ample in fact to stir the community of Hanna to its very foundations, but the enthusiasm displayed was a minus quantity. The symptoms are the same at all points where there is no interest. First, no Degree work. Second, no interest in the business of the Lodge. Third, no sign of a community spirit among members of the Lodge and finally a falling off of interest in the clerical work of the Lodge. These four points mark the difference between success and failure.

No. 47—

July 2.—Visited Meridian Lodge, No. 62, at Lloydminster. This Lodge was among the heavy losers last year, but there is a different spirit in evidence this year and if it is maintained, some, if not all, of the lost ground will be recovered. The Lodge has a very efficient set of officers.

No. 48—

July 3.—Visited Minburn Lodge, No. 74, and found a prosperous condition of affairs. The members were not pointing out the fact that poor crops made it impossible for them to get members. They were remarking that the poor crops would be the cause of them having to work just a little harder. They do good Degree work, they never complain, hence they always succeed.

No. 49—

July 4.—Visited Vermillion to see if it was possible to revive enough interest in Odd Fellowship to get them to reclaim the charter of that Lodge. I found several of the old members willing to try again but the poor crop conditions in that part of the province made it so difficult to secure new members, that I am inclined to think that it would be advisable to postpone this effort till next summer. There must be another Lodge in Vermillion in the near future.

No. 50—

July 8.—Visited Hardisty Lodge, No. 64, and was very much disappointed, not with the attendance but with the lack of interest in the every day workings of the Lodge. The Initiatory Degree was conferred to one brother the evening I was there, but this was the first effort for a long time. The suspension record in this Lodge is exceptionally good.

No. 51—

July 9.—Visited Century Lodge, No. 100, at Hughenden, and found a prosperous Lodge. The business of the Lodge is well looked after and the members are a committee of the whole to secure new members and are making a success of their work.

No. 52—

July 11.—Attended meeting of Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment and Assembly Officers called to meet Deputy Grand Sire Bro. Logan and listened to a complete review of conditions as they affect Odd Fellowship.

No. 53—

July 15.—Visited Etzikom Lodge, No. 128. Had hoped to have the pleasure of visiting this Lodge with our Grand Master but car trouble prevented Bro. Schroder from attending. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition, having weathered the storm of several years of crop failure and is now well on the road to permanent success.

No. 54—

July 16.—Had the pleasure of visiting the home of our Grand Master, Cypress Lodge, No. 102, at Walsh. The attendance was good and interest in the work of the order is very keen. The brothers take pride in the showing they have been able to make and they deserve to.

No. 55—

July 17.—Visited Bow Island Lodge, No. 80. The attendance at this Lodge was not very large and outside of a few of the faithful, interest in the work is not as keen as it should be. Times have improved and conditions should warrant a revival of interest but the majority of the members appear to be satisfied to sit down and let things take their course. New members are needed and more attention to the clerical work of the order is absolutely necessary.

No. 56—

July 18.—Visited my old home Lodge, Winnifred, No. 67. Grand Master Schroder, Past Grand Master Cope and Grand Marshal Taylor were present. I appreciate the kindness of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 3, which caused them to dispense with the meeting and motor up to Winnifred. I regret that the Brothers who motored all the way from Walsh made one wrong turn and arrived late. This Lodge needs no assistance. It retains the enthusiasm of years gone by.

No. 57—

July 19.—Stopped off at Taber, but as it was the week of the Lethbridge fair there was no chance to do anything and I found that the local brothers had made no attempt to do anything.

No. 58—

July 22.—I made an attempt to visit Provost Lodge, No. 139, but met with a complete failure. I had notified the Secretary two weeks in advance of my proposed visit. The Lodge had changed its meeting nights to twice a month, of which fact I had no record. The notice disappeared in the records of the unattended past and I met with the first failure of the year.

No. 59.

July 23.—Went to Cadogan in the hope of being able to meet the members of No. 124, but there was no regular meeting. This Lodge is having a hard time owing to the fact that they cannot find a hall to meet in. They had intended to build this fall but crop failures caused a delay. I advised them to carry on as best they could, until such times as a suitable place could be found to meet in and in the meantime if they secured any applications to take the candidates to one of the neighboring Lodges for the Degrees.

No. 60—

August 5.—Visited Carmangay Lodge, No. 51, and while the attendance was not large, it was very good considering the season of the year. The Lodge is in good shape but interest in the work of the order is far from what it should be. There is not the community spirit that goes

to make for success. What this Lodge needs more than anything else is new members, a live Degree team and something to inject interest into the meetings when the Degree team is not working.

No. 61—

August 12.—Visited Killam Lodge, No. 76. This Lodge like some others is lacking in interest. The clerical work of the Lodge suffered until recently. The Lodge has a few prospective members in sight and if they will just revive some of the enthusiasm that was in evidence in years gone by, they will again become a power in the community.

No. 62—

August 13.—Attended a meeting of Mt Pleasant Lodge, No. 49, of Vegreville. The majority of the members were young men and they were making a determined effort to develop the community life of the district in connection with the working of the Lodge. This effort, if continued, will bring them success in large measures.

No. 63—

August 14.—Attended a Degree Meeting of the Lodges of District No. 27, at Minburn. All Lodges except Meridian, No. 62, were represented. The different Degrees were put on in a very creditable manner. The attendance was good and interest in the work, as reflected by those present was all that could be desired.

No. 64—

August 15.—Attended a meeting of Edmonton Lodge, No. 30. Owing to the holiday season being at its height the attendance was not as large as might have been desired, but the spirit of aggressiveness was very apparent and the Lodge is one of the few live Lodges in the large centres.

No. 65—

August 20.—Visited Rocky Mountain House Lodge, No. 120, and was well pleased with the interest being taken in the work of the order. The members of the Lodge were alive to the fact that their future success depended on their being able to increase their membership. Efforts along this line was being put forth.

No. 66—

August 21.—Attended meeting of Coliseum Lodge No. 146, at Nordegg, and was met with a good attendance. The only weakness of this lodge was to be found in the fact that no united effort was being put forth to secure new members. The Lodge like many others is handicapped by the failure of the mines to work steady.

No. 67—

August 22.—Visited Waskasoo Lodge, No. 16, of Red Deer, and was very much disappointed with the showing made. In fact it was the poorest meeting which I attended since undertaking the work, and were it not for the presence of visitors they would have had difficulty in opening. Later on a Degree team from this Lodge went to Eckville and Conferred the Initiatory Degree in a very creditable manner, proving that true fraternity still lives if we can bring it back to the surface.

No. 68—

August 26.—Attended meeting of Cadomin Lodge, No. 152, and received a welcome which caused the members to go to a great deal of trouble, which I greatly appreciated. They went with me to Mountain Park, and did their best to assist in reviving interest at that point. They

have a prosperous Lodge whose members are the leaders of the community life of the District. They keep up the quiet drive for members, they make their meetings interesting, they work together and they succeed.

No. 69—

August 27.—Visited Big Horn Lodge, No. 138, of Mountain Park, and was very much disappointed with the attendance. The showing made by this Lodge in their June report was much to be regretted. Work slacked up in the mines, the members moved away, lost interest and became suspended in large numbers. The faithful few still carry on and the evening was spent in a consultation which had in view the revival of interest, but too much cannot be expected until the mining conditions improve to such an extent that more members will be attracted to the town.

No. 70—

August 28.—Attended meeting of Luscar Lodge, No. 148. I regret that I had to call a Special Meeting at this point but they met on the same night as No. 138, and I felt that if I put Big Horn to the trouble of calling a special they might find an excuse for non-attendance. There is good interest in the work at this point and the welcome extended to me was very cordial. A greater effort to secure new members will have to be made at this point in order to off-set the moving away of some of those already in membership.

No. 71—

September 3.—Visited Pyramid Lodge, No. 149, of Jasper. This Lodge is handicapped by the fact that a large number of their members are in the employ of the railroad and find it difficult to attend. The Membership Committee is exceptionally active in this Lodge and offer positive proof of what can be done along these lines if the proper effort is put forth. The members are also striving to make their Lodge the leader of the social life of the community.

No. 72—

September 9.—Visited Mizpath Lodge, No. 72, of Lethbridge, and found general interest in the work of the order good, but members appeared to be lacking in that aggressive spirit which is necessary for the securing of new members. Showing a loss last term which will use up most of the energy of this to overcome the handwriting on the wall, would indicate that if they wish to become a part of the community life of their city they will have to exert more energy toward the securing of new members, and the keeping up of interest in the business of the Lodge.

No. 73—

September 10.—Visited Coalhurst Lodge, No. 105, accompanied by D.D.G.M., Bro. W. E. Lydeard, and our Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Morden, of Lethbridge. The attendance was small and interest in the work anything but good. The Lodge showed a loss last year and no new members were being taken in, but a promise was given that if carried out will place the Lodge in a much better position.

No. 74—

September 11.—Tried to arrange for a meeting of Diamond City Lodge, No. 71, of Picture Butte, but owing to the busy season and the fact that the majority of the members were farmers, they were forced to cancel the meeting.

No. 75—

September 12.—Attended meeting of McLeod Lodge, No. 4, at which Grand Master, Bro. Schroder, and D.D.G. Master, Bro. Lydeard, were present. Also P.G.M., Bro. Brown. The attendance was small, there are a few members who always see to it that the Lodge meets and the business is taken care of but there is no effort being put forth to secure new members. The Lodge showed a heavy loss last year, and I am afraid will continue to lose ground this year.

No. 76—

September 13.—Visited Lethbridge Lodge, No. 2, the home of our Deputy Grand Master, and met both our Grand Master, Bro. Schroder and Bro. Morden. Interest in the work is good and the Lodge continues to gain in membership.

No. 77—

September 16.—Visited Wainwright Lodge, No. 45, accompanied by P.G.P., Bro. Wilson, and witnessed a come back for Odd Fellowship, that was very gratifying. The brothers completed the arrangements for the building of their new hall. The brothers show a wonderful spirit and too much credit cannot be given them for the manner in which they came back. The loss of all their records placed them in a position where it has been hard for them to carry on.

No. 78—

September 17.—Visited Irma Lodge, No. 56, accompanied by Bro. Wilson, Grand Scribe. This was one of the prosperous Lodges last year and it continues to prosper this. The membership is active and hope to hold down the suspensions this year.

No. 79—

September 18.—Attended a meeting of Chauvin Lodge, No. 93. This was a Special Meeting and through some mistake my letter failed to reach the Lodge. I got in touch with the Noble Grand on Tuesday and he got busy on the phone and I had the pleasure of attending one of the most progressive Lodge meetings of the year. The business of the Lodge is well conducted, but the Membership Committee is not as active as it should be. Brothers drove from Wainwright and Irma to the meeting. It is a splendid type of Odd Fellowship that will cause its members to drive sixty-five miles to visit another Lodge.

No. 80—

September 21.—Attended a meeting of the directors of the Odd Fellows' Temple Company Ltd.

No. 81—

September 26.—Visited Cayley Lodge, No. 103. This Lodge is in fair shape financially but the fraternal spirit which is necessary for continued progress is not very strong. This Lodge showed the greatest gain of any in the Jurisdiction last year, but after the drive for members was completed the brothers were left to shift for themselves before they had found their feet in the order and this is a dangerous thing to let happen in any Lodge, as disappointment causes them to stop attending.

No. 82—

September 28.—Attended a Special Meeting of Banff Lodge, No. 48, with Grand Master, a number of other Grand Lodge Officers and Representatives from all the Calgary Lodges. This was a splendid session and the brothers from Banff are very desirous that it be made an annual event.

No. 83—

September 30.—Attended a meeting of Norwood Lodge, No. 41, with our Grand Master, and met with the members of a Lodge that takes a very active interest in the work of the order. Their only need is more new members in order to give their Degree team something to do.

No. 84—

October 1.—Attended a meeting of Advance Lodge, No. 97, of Edmonton. This Lodge is in a class by itself in the Jurisdiction. They are always on their toes ready to confer Degrees. They conferred the First Degree in a very able manner. They are gaining in membership and the meetings of their Lodge are marked by a harmony that is very noticeable to a visitor.

No. 85—

October 2.—Attended meeting of Lamont Lodge, No. 78, which is in good shape and the work of the Lodge is well taken care of. After the regular business of the Lodge I was present at a District Meeting of District No. 28. Two of the three Lodges in the District were represented but interest in the work of the District was not as pronounced as it should have been.

No. 86—

October 3.—Went to Eckville for the Institution of the Lodge at that point, and believe that the brothers of this Lodge will make a success of Odd Fellowship in their District.

No. 87—

October 7.—Attended a meeting of Fort Lodge, No. 14, of Ft. Saskatchewan. This Lodge has taken on a new lease of life and it is largely due to the efforts of P.G.M., Bro. M. G. Shera. Visitors were present from Edmonton and Lamont. The business of the Lodge is well conducted.

No. 88—

October 8.—Attended meeting of Northern Star Lodge, No. 115, of Clyde, and met with a fair attendance but a noticeable lack of driving force. There were indications that this fall would see a renewal of energy. The Semi-Annual Reports were not made out as promptly as they should be. After the regular business of the Lodge I attended a District Meeting of District No. 31, at which all Lodges were represented. The meeting was presided over by D.D.G.M., Bro. Rowat. Interest displayed in the work of the order was not as keen as it should be and the recommendations of the Delegates suggested very few improvements in our methods of procedure.

No. 89—

October 10.—Attended meeting of Birch Lake Lodge, No. 63, of Innisfree. This Lodge is in good shape financially but needs more attention paid to the business of securing new members, and the developing of a community spirit in the District. After the regular meeting of the Lodge the District Meeting of District No. 27 was held, under the direction of D.D.G.M., Bro. Roy Park, of Minburn. This was a very successful meeting at which all Lodges, except No. 62, were represented. A number of resolutions, indicating the keen interest which was being taken by the members, were passed. This District as a whole is in good shape.

No. 90—

October 14.—Visited Riley Lodge, No. 75, and received a very cordial welcome. This Lodge is well up in Degree work and interest in the business of the Lodge is marked. This Lodge has been holding its own in the past, but there is a possibility that a loss from suspensions will be shown this year, due to the bringing of membership lists up to date after the amalgamation of the Tofield Lodge.

No. 91—

October 15.—Visited Erskine Lodge, No. 58, and was pleased with the interest taken in the work. This Lodge shows a marked tendency to take live interest in the problems which affect the social life of the community and for this reason may be classed as one of the real live Lodges of the Jurisdiction. Membership list is in good shape and the Financial Secretary is alive to his responsibilities.

No. 92—

October 17.—Visited Halkirk Lodge, No. 61, and met with a good attendance. Interest in the work of the order was very good and the business of the Lodge was carried on in a way to inspire confidence. This Lodge suffered a heavy loss by fire just after this meeting, but their fighting spirit was clearly shown by the fact that they came back stronger than ever and again own their hall. After the regular business of the Lodge was concluded the District Meeting of District No. 28 was carried forward under the direction of D.D.G.M., Bro. J. D. Morgan, of Halkirk. This was a meeting that makes the effort to maintain the Districts one worth while. All Lodges, except No. 125, were represented, and the business of the Lodges was considered from the convening of the meeting in the afternoon until nearly midnight. There was no waste of time and every question considered was of vital interest to the Jurisdiction.

No. 93—

October 21.—Attended a meeting of Sunnyslope Lodge, No. 57, and wish to thank the brothers from Swalwell and Acme for the way they turned out to visit this Lodge. Until just recently this has been an inland Lodge and has found it more or less difficult to keep up interest in the work. With the coming of the steel there should be room for a marked improvement. Stress was laid on the necessity of this effort being made and I feel that the future will bring a marked improvement.

No. 94—

October 22.—Visited Mirror Lodge, No. 131, and was more than pleased to note the feeling of confidence that was being expressed by the members. This Lodge passed through some very hard times in the past, having lost their home by fire twice but they are coming back stronger than ever. After the regular business of the Lodge was completed the District Meeting of District No. 20 was proceeded with, under the direction of D.D.G.M., Bro. Jas. McLeod, of Mirror, and was a marked success. All Lodges were represented and several matters of far reaching importance to the jurisdiction were taken up and discussed. This District organization can justify its existence by the interest it takes in the work of the order.

No. 95—

October 23.—Attended meeting of Alix Lodge, No. 24, and was met by a good attendance. This Lodge may show a small loss this year but promises to get busy and overcome it in the near future. I was confronted with a problem at this point where we are forced to weigh the

difference between fraternalism and the rigid interpretation of law. I threw my influence on the side of fraternalism where the brothers affected were proving their Odd Fellowship by attending the meetings of their Lodge and helping to carry on the work.

No. 96—

October 28.—Attended meeting of District No. 6, which was held under the direction of D.D.G.M., Bro. Miller, at Bellevue. The brothers from No. 118 entertained the visitors, and it was a real pleasure to return and find this Lodge in such an improved position. The District Meeting was well conducted and splendid interest was shown.

No. 97—

October 29.—Attended meeting of Cowley Lodge, No. 20, with Bro. Miller, D.D.G.M. The weather was very cold and the attendance not what might be desired. The Lodge is in fair shape but has one or two by-laws that are worthy of serious attention. The Lodge has a record on suspensions that is very gratifying. At the time I visited there the Lodge had not shown a suspension since prior to '26, and the records were in good shape.

No. 98—

October 30.—Attended meeting of Pincher Creek Lodge, No. 5, with the Grand Master and District Deputy. This was a Special Meeting called on one day's notice, owing to the Regular Meeting falling on a special occasion in the community life of the District. This Lodge can boast of talent that is equal to any occasion. I do not understand why there is anyone in the District who has not availed himself of the opportunity to get into this Lodge.

No. 99—

November 4.—Returned to Provost on their invitation and visited No. 139, meeting with much better success than on the former occasion. This Lodge is not very strong financially and up to the present, interest in the work was not what it should be but the brothers are becoming awake to their responsibilities and will show better results. Poor crops in the District has affected results, but the community spirit will off-set this.

No. 100—

November 5.—Visited Lougheed Lodge, No. 121, and found a membership that represents the true teachings of Odd Fellowship within themselves. They do as the Good Samaritan did, but where they fall down is, that they fail to carry the gospel of Odd Fellowship to the world at large, with the results that their membership roll is at a standstill. They must start a drive for new members if they wish to reap their just dues for the good deeds they have done.

No. 101—

November 6.—Visited Czar Lodge, No. 134, and found the members awake to the fact that in order to maintain interest in their Lodge they must keep in the forefront of community life. The business of the Lodge is well conducted and the only thing lacking is just a little more effort on the part of the individual member to get his neighbour to join with him in the furtherance of the principles of Odd Fellowship.

No. 102—

November 12.—Visited Milo Lodge, No. 154, and witnessed the establishing of a record for attendance. A Lodge of 65 members had

an attendance of 57 and three members sending in regrets that they were unexpectedly called away and could not get back for Lodge. This Lodge is erecting its own hall and promises to become the centre of community life in that district.

No. 103—

November 14.—Attended meeting of Lomond Lodge, No. 127, and met with a hearty welcome. This Lodge has been one of the leaders in securing new members for the past two years but were on the eve of sitting down and resting on their laurels. Steps were taken to get the degree team working and interest in Lodge work revived.

No. 104—

November 19.—Visited Donaldo Lodge, No. 150, and found a live membership working for the best interests of the Order. This lodge has been increasing its membership and developing a harmonious spirit among the members. The business is well conducted and the future is bright if they will continue to do as they are doing at present.

No. 105—

November 21.—Attended meeting of Bowden Lodge, No. 31, and met with a very cordial welcome. A number of brothers were present from Innisfail. Interest in the work is reviving. A Degree team is being trained and a number of new members are in sight.

No. 106—

November 25.—Visited Stettler Lodge, No. 32. As this was the evening of their social meeting the business was handled with dispatch. Interest was fair, the attendance good and the social spirit strong. Considerable interest is being taken in the securing of new members.

No. 107—

November 26.—Attended meeting of Clive Lodge, No. 117, and witnessed the conferring of the Initiatory Degree. This Lodge is in good shape but there is room for improvement in the ritualistic work. The progressive spirit is very marked and the Lodge is entering into the community life of the district. The attendance was remarkably good considering the total membership of the Lodge.

No. 108—

November 28.—Visited Magnet Lodge, No. 12, of Lacombe, and received a very cordial welcome. This Lodge has been making good progress during the past two years. The business is well conducted and suspensions are being kept down to the limit. Lodge conferred the Initiatory Degree and one member joined by card.

No. 109—

December 3.—Went to Irricana to attend meeting of Lodge at that point, having notified them ten days in advance. When I arrived there was no sign of a meeting and I could do very little with the talk I had with the few brothers I met. I tried to arrange a meeting for the following week, on Friday, but in the meantime the Noble Grand, who resides at Beiseker decided to hold a meeting on Wednesday. The Lodge met and over the phone the secretary informed me that they had decided to move the Lodge to Beiseker. The Lodge is financially in good shape but with about two exceptions all the life appears to come from the Beiseker end of the jurisdiction and the moving of the Lodge will, I believe, result in a renewal of interest.

No. 110—

December 4.—Tried to arrange meeting at Three Hills but failed owing to Lodge being unable to get the hall.

No. 111—

December 6.—Had arranged to attend district meeting at Consort and Lodge wrote me that date was satisfactory but they were forced to cancel it by phone owing to not being able to get the hall.

No. 112—

December 10.—Attended meeting of Victory Lodge, No. 137, at Wayne, and am pleased to report that this Lodge is now in good condition and the attendance is all that could be expected. Five applications were accepted at this meeting and interest in the work is strong. After the meeting of the Lodge the district meeting of District No. 15 was held under the direction of District Deputy Grand Master John Utley. There was considerable discussion but very little was accomplished owing to the fact that all realized that the action of the meeting carried no authority. The most interesting question was a discussion on the advisability of starting a Junior Branch of the Order.

No. 113—

December 12.—Visited Gleichen Lodge, No. 144, and found some very enthusiastic workers. This Lodge has conducted a strong campaign for new members during the past year and has been very successful but unfortunately for them the great majority of the new members were called to other fields just after joining and the Lodge did not profit as much as they should from their hard work. They have a fine hall and are still continuing to spread the gospel of Odd Fellowship.

No. 114—

December 16.—Started out to visit Diamond City Lodge, No. 71, at Picture Butte, but for the first time this year the weather man proved himself a poor Odd Fellow and I was compelled to abandon the trip at Lethbridge.

No. 115—

December 17.—I stopped off at Taber, the scene of my perpetual failures, to see if there was a single ray of sunshine breaking through the clouds of indifference that has hovered over this point all summer but the situation is hopeless and much as I hate to do so I am prepared to recommend to the incoming Grand Master that he lift this charter. I believe that I could start a new Lodge at Taber but I can not get any one help me revive the present one.

No. 116—

December 18.—Went to Irvine to visit No. 69 but the weather was cold and stormy. I stopped off for a few minutes and we decided that it would be hopeless to expect any kind of a turnout, so I cancelled the meeting and came home.

No. 117—

December 19.—Visited Didsbury Lodge, No. 18, and found the attendance very poor. Bad roads and stormy weather had something to do with the result. This Lodge is passing through a period of depression but the members are putting up a good fight and I am of the opinion that the coming year will see a great improvement.

No. 118—

December 23.—Tried to arrange for a meeting at Westlock, but the Lodge cancelled it as being too near the holiday season.

No. 119—

December 30.—Visited Namayo Lodge, No. 47, Edmonton, and met with a cordial welcome from the few members who were present. The season of the year was not favorable being in the midst of the holidays. A number of the members were indisposed and this accounted to a certain extent for the small showing. This Lodge has a number of very loyal members and an effort is being made to develop the social side of the Order but like many other Lodges the greatest need is new members. These can only be obtained by a united effort on the part of those who are regular attendants.

No. 120—

January 6.—Attended meeting of Waskatneau Lodge, No. 153. The weather was very cold but considering the total membership, the attendance was very good. D.D.G.M. Bro. Birch, of Lamont, displayed a wonderful brand of Odd Fellowship when he and two other brothers drove across country to install the officers. The Installation was a joint one with the Rebekahs and the work was put on in a very creditable manner. This Lodge is not as full of life as it should be and their failure to take in new members is reflected in the attendance.

No. 121—

January 7.—Again failed to get meeting at Westlock owing to Lodge being unable to get the use of hall.

No. 122—

January 9.—Went to Three Hills for the purpose of visiting No. 112, and the brothers were gathered in the hall ready to open Lodge when the fire bell warned them of danger. They responded to the call and the citizens as a whole fought until three the next morning before the fire was brought under control. In passing I cannot help congratulating the citizens of Three Hills on the manner in which they fought to save the town.

No. 123—

January 14.—Attended meeting at Canmore Lodge, No. 38, and enjoyed a very pleasant evening. The members are very proud of their new hall which is a credit to the Order. They are alive to the necessity of taking in more new members, and I believe the coming year will show a marked improvement.

No. 124—

January 15.—Attended a meeting of Irvine Lodge, No. 69. The night was cold and the attendance not as good as I would have liked to see but the Lodge is in fair shape. They may show a small loss this year but it will be due to withdrawals to start the new Lodge at Hilda.

No. 125—

January 16.—I attended the dedication services of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 3, and was very much impressed with the manner in which this work was done. This is one of the finest halls in the jurisdiction and No. 3 deserves a great deal of credit for the manner in which they came back and excelled their former effort.

In closing this report for the printer there still remains a few Lodges which I have not visited, except in the case of the Peace River

block they are points where a former effort was made. The Grand Lodge must bear in mind that so far as visitations are concerned this report gives an outline of conditions as I found them at the time of my visit. In some instances conditions may have changed. I hope that it will be for the better.

Notwithstanding the effort which has been put forth this year by the Grand Lodge officers there are a few points where something will have to be done in the near future. In this connection it is my opinion that the Charter of Taber Lodge, No. 25, should be lifted, that Barons Lodge, No. 60, should be amalgamated with Little Bow, No. 51, that Cornucopia, No. 125, should be lifted or amalgamated with Stettler, No. 32, that the charter of Peace River Lodge be lifted or amalgamated with a new Lodge which should be started at Berwin. That special attention be paid to Cadogan, No. 124, due to the fact that they have no place to meet.

In connection with the Lodges of the Peace River I have made no effort to visit them due to the fact that it was expected that two or three new Lodges would be instituted during the past summer. These failed to materialize with the result that there was no chance of doing anything this winter. Owing to the location of these Lodges I believe that it would be advisable to make some special effort to simplify the detail work in connection with the starting of Lodges in this territory.

In closing I wish to thank the Grand Lodge Officers and the members of the Subordinate Lodges for the assistance which they have given me in my work. I am far from satisfied with the results but I did the best I could. If the position is continued in the future I am inclined to favor a slightly different course of procedure. All Lodges are now familiar with conditions and must realize the effort which it is necessary for us to make in the future, therefore I believe that the future should contain a programme of specialization rather than one of generalization. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBT. A. PARKER.

Report of Grand Representatives

**of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F., to the One Hundred
and Fifth Annual Communication of the Sovereign Grand
Lodge, Held in Houston, Texas, Sept. 16th to 20th, 1929**

To the Grand Master and
Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F.:

Your representatives to the one hundred and fifth annual communication of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., held at Houston, Texas, during the week of September 16th to 20th, 1929, inclusive, beg to submit the following report:

Very soon after the session of 1928 the officers of the jurisdiction of Texas organized themselves for the task they had voluntarily undertaken with the result that on arrival in Houston all officers and members found that every possible provision had been made for their entertainment, enjoyment and comfort. The generous hospitality and thoughtful consideration of officers and committees of Texas were in evidence on every hand, and too much praise cannot be given them for the splendid programme arranged, with Bro. G. W. Hawkins acting as chairman of the General Committee, Bro. E. M. Manint, as Secretary, and Grand Representative Harry Emmins, as Executive Secretary.

On Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, September 14th, a special train took all visiting officers and members to Galveston, on the Gulf. The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of this delightful city were hosts to the more than five hundred visitors who found it possible to make the trip while others were busy with committee work and other matters incident to the session. The automobile drives, the delicious fish dinner provided, the sea bathing and the many other pleasurable features of the day's programme were greatly appreciated by all participants.

In the evening an open or introductory meeting was held in the spacious City Auditorium, of Houston, with Rep. Harry Emmins acting as chairman. Splendidly inspiring and optimistic addresses were given by Grand Sire Martin, Deputy Grand Sire Logan, Rep. Yantis, of Illinois, and Grand Chaplain Rev. W. C. Smalley, of the jurisdiction of Manitoba.

Commencing at 9 o'clock in the evening the Patriarchs Militant Degree was conferred upon such Grand Representatives as had not previously received it.

On Sunday special services that were appropriate for the occasion were held in all the city churches. The officers and representatives of all branches attended the special service in the First Presbyterian Church of Houston, a short distance from headquarters hotel, the Rice. Appropriate musical numbers were rendered by the splendid choir and by the Girls' Glee Club from the Texas Odd Fellows' Orphan Home. The forceful and eloquent sermon delivered by the pastor, Rev. William S. Jacobs, D.D., was based on the parable of the Good Samaritan and contained many pointed references to the practical idealism and influence of our far-flung Order.

In the afternoon the officers and Past Presidents of the Association of Rebekah Assemblies were tendered a reception in the San Jacinto Hotel.

Prior to the formal opening of Sovereign Grand Lodge on Monday morning, in the City Auditorium, a public welcome was extended by officials of the State of the City and of the Order. Addresses of welcome were given by Hon. Dan Moody, Governor of Texas; Hon. W. E. Monteith, Mayor of Houston; Hon. Barry Miller, Grand Master, I.O.O.F. and Lieutenant-Governor of Texas; Hon. D. E. Garrett, on behalf of the Odd Fellows of Houston, and Sister Jessie N. Ross, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Texas. Delightful musical numbers were supplied by the I.O.O.F. Boys' Band, the I.O.O.F. Girls' Orchestra, Mrs. Alice Greenwell, Mrs. O. L. Martin and Mrs. W. G. Walker, Grand Sire Martin and Sister Bertha A. Willis, President A.R.A., responded in appropriate and appreciated terms.

Early Monday morning Special Sessions of the Grand Lodge of Texas and of the Rebekah Assembly were held, for the purpose of conferring Degrees upon those entitled to them to enable these members to attend The Sovereign Grand Lodge and the Association of Rebekah Assemblies respectively.

At 6.30 Monday evening the officers and members of Sovereign Grand Lodge were entertained at a banquet in the Roof Garden of the Rice Hotel. For this function some 450 covers were laid. After-dinner addresses of a most cheery and reminiscent character were given by Grand Sire Martin, Deputy Grand Sire Logan, and Representatives A. J. Rowell of Arkansas, Karl C. Brueck of California and H. Dorsey Etchinson of Maryland. Musical selections were given by the Sam. Houston Quartette and the I.O.O.F. Boys' Band, from Corsicana, Texas, while Lieutenant-Governor, Bro. Barry Miller, Grand Master of Texas, presided in his usual happy and appropriate way.

The banquet was followed by a reception to the Grand Sire officers and members of Sovereign Grand Lodge, tendered by the Odd Fellows of Houston. This delightful event was attended by more than a thousand Odd Fellows, their wives and Rebekahs, after which the usual dance and social intercourse held the attention of those present until after midnight. A splendid orchestra was in attendance and light refreshments were served.

During the week the annual banquet of the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes, and several get-together dinners were held. On each occasion the programme included most helpful addresses by the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Representatives and members of the Grand Secretaries' and Grand Scribes' Association. A number of business sessions were also held, the details of which will no doubt appear in the report of our Grand Secretary.

The conferring of the Grand Decoration of Chivalry and the customary Military Ball which followed, on Thursday evening, were brilliant and successful affairs.

The usual parade took place on Wednesday night, and was regarded as highly creditable and successful. Through some unfortunate circumstance or oversight the cars that would ordinarily be provided for representatives from a considerable number of jurisdictions, were missing, and as a consequence these representatives, instead of being in their allotted places, were obliged to stand on the side and watch the parade pass.

The International Fraternal Press Association held a most enjoyable banquet on Thursday evening in the roof garden of the Rice Hotel, at

which the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, and other officials of Sovereign Grand Lodge, were the guests of the Association. Ben Weidle, of the Jericho News, was toastmaster, T. H. Robertson, of the Georgia Odd Fellow, pronounced the invocation, and President E. L. Smith greeted "The Guests." Deputy Grand Sire-elect, C. D. Rinhart, spoke on "The Past" and Grand Sire Martin, speaking on "The Present" stressed the importance of the fraternal publications to the members of the Order, and urged that Grand Lodge Officers endeavour to create interest in the papers throughout their jurisdictions. He urged also that the Lodges subscribe for the papers for their members, to bring the fraternal publications to every member of the Order. Following the banquet a business session was held and the officers elected were: President E. L. Smith, Seattle, Wash.; Vice-President, Miss Flora Sheets, Chicago; Secretary, E. M. Glass, Lexington, Ky., Treasurer, F. L. Lenhart, Minneapolis, Minn. Twenty-five journals were officially represented.

During the week degree and drill competitions were held in several of the commodious auditoriums, halls and lodge rooms of Houston.

EXTRACTS FROM THE GRAND SIRE'S REPORT

The following sections are from the Grand Sire's Report:

"Officers and Representatives: We assemble in this one hundred and fifth annual session of this Grand Body amid pleasant surroundings and under happy conditions. This beautiful city, the metropolis of this giant and growing State of the Southwest, has the air of prosperity, the spirit of progress, and a generous congenial citizenship which makes a sojourn therein interesting and enjoyable.

"I greet you, the Representatives of the Order with gratitude for the harmony and fraternal activities which abound within your several jurisdictions. The great spirit of Odd Fellowship is moving ever onward with irresistible force carrying its message of peace, friendship and good will to every nation of the earth. From its small beginning, in the short space of less than two generations, this Order has become one of the greatest world forces for good. Man bathes in the glorious sunlight of its teachings and goes forth radiating fraternity, charity, righteousness, tolerance and friendship. He becomes strong in the fight for all things that make humanity better and happier and immortality more desirable. This forces upon our minds the thought that the lessons of this Order present truth in its purity. Error cannot combat the forces of prejudice, selfishness, intolerance and vice with which we have had to deal, but however loyally supported by its votaries dies. Truth alone lives. "The eternal years of God are hers."

STATE OF THE ORDER

I shall not trespass upon the province of the Grand Secretary to report with exactitude the condition of the Order, or of the Treasurer to report upon its finances. A general survey of the Order as a whole shows a most excellent and healthy condition.

In every Jurisdiction there is strong and effective co-operation of the officers with each other and among the various Grand Bodies, a more active and better correlated campaign for carrying on the work. Plans have been carefully made by these officers and faithfully and actively carried out. They realize as never before their strength when working as a unit. They now know that by this teamwork they can easily accomplish big things in a big way. This knowledge has given them courage and confidence in their own power which they are trans-

mitting from one to another and to their successors. Many of these large activities have been undertaken and successfully accomplished, such as securing classes of four, five or six hundred candidates for degree work at some central meeting, and now one Jurisdiction is preparing to give the second and third degrees to a class of one thousand at its annual session, and so well are they organized that they will not be denied success. Such activities speak well for the future of the Order, and such enthusiasm and courage denotes a real awakening and the beginning of a great forward movement in Odd Fellowship that will carry it far during the next decade.

The lodges working under the immediate jurisdiction of The Sovereign Grand Lodge are mostly in a healthy condition; a large majority of them are growing and well managed according to the reports which I have received from the District Deputy Grand Sires. These officers have been faithful, loyal and energetic in working for the Order.

The condition of the Order abroad will be discussed under a separate heading.

The finances of the Order are increasing from year to year. The initiations into the Order are not all that we might hope. We desire to place the mantle of our Fraternity on the shoulders of every deserving man. We must have an ever increasing new membership, for growth is the law of life, and to stand still means stagnation. It must be said, however, that increase in membership for any short period of time is not the measure of the success or failure of a great world-wide organization such as ours with a membership of more than three millions. The real test of success is, are our members realizing the greatness and dignity of the Order, are they imbibing, cherishing and practicing the great lessons which it teaches? In the measure in which our membership is holding and doing these things, we are succeeding or failing.

"We are prone to note with pride that this Order is maintaining nearly half the homes for the care of the aged and the young maintained by the fraternities of the world. That it is raising and expending for human relief, and in paying its members sick and death benefits, more money than all other fraternal organizations combined. We are inclined, if not to boast of these things, at least, to praise them as one of the great, outstanding merits of our Fraternity. We should ponder this well, great and noble as these achievements are, this view may be the seed of our undoing. Are we leading the world, and even our own membership, to look upon these as the objects of Odd Fellowship and not the mere incidents of our Fraternity? May not even our members begin to regard the order as an organized charity and not as the purest and most wonderful expression of fraternity that history has produced.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Office of the Grand Sire.

To all Officers of Grand and Subordinate Bodies of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to all Members of the Order Everywhere.

Greetings:

As the holiday season approaches and after that the activities of the new year, your Grand Sire desires to communicate to you his sincere wish that during this season you may have joy and happiness that only the Divine Father can give to the hearts and minds of his people. That during your Christmas enjoyment you may keep ever in mind the wonderful character of the Great Samaritan of all times. That the new

year may bring to you every happiness and success which you desire and especially an increase in fraternal spirit and activities.

The Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire have agreed to continue, with such changes as experience may find beneficial, the conferences as held by the same officers last year with the Grand Jurisdictions. The Grand Sire had intended to have so used the month of December, but has been prevented therefrom by the condition of his injured arm, which yet requires medical attention and renders him unable to travel.

He particularly desires to impress upon the officers of all Grand Bodies the necessity of keeping well organized and of having well-laid plans. He urges these officers in each Jurisdiction, if they have not already done so, to meet as soon as convenient with the Past Grand Officers and editors of fraternal papers and plan their work for the year and that, after said plan is adopted, each officer actively support the plan and work to obtain the objectives decided upon.

He particularly urges that all Grand Officers should impress upon and assist the Subordinate Lodges and their members in the following matters.

1. A better and more complete understanding of the greatness and dignity of Odd Fellowship.
2. A more complete understanding of the history and purposes of Odd Fellowship.
3. The increase of fraternity in the Subordinate bodies and of the fraternal relationship between the members.
4. The necessity that the officers of the Subordinate Bodies should realize the honour and responsibility of the positions which they hold, and that they should fit themselves for the discharge of their duties and use every effort to advance all branches of the Order in their community.
5. The necessity of increasing the membership of the Subordinate Bodies, never forgetting that ours is a selective membership.
6. Reducing the suspension for non-payment of dues. This can best be accomplished by teaching our members to deal honestly with their Lodges. That a member cannot honestly, and without violating his obligation as an Odd Fellow, quit a Lodge while owing it money; that if he desires to sever his connection with the Lodge, the only honorable way for him to do so is to pay up all charges against him and take a withdrawal card.
7. The necessity of providing proper social activities for the membership of Subordinate Bodies.

These lessons can best be brought home to our Subordinate Bodies by Grand Officers through conferences with the officers and members of Subordinate bodies patterned after the conferences held by the Grand Sire with the Grand Officers of the various Jurisdictions last year.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, I.O.O.F.

We desire to call attention to the Educational Foundation, I.O.O.F., and urge its support by all bodies of the Order. Every Jurisdiction will find its own means of accomplishing this.

FRATERNAL PRESS

The value of the fraternal press to the Order has been urged upon our membership by the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the various Grand Lodges, by many resolutions and committee reports. The Grand Officers of every Jurisdiction should give their fraternal papers the most earnest and active support. The Grand Sire cannot better express his views than to quote the statement which he made last year when Deputy Grand Sire:

"I wish to emphasize the support of the fraternal paper as one of the most effective means of carrying on. Each Lodge should see that it reaches every member. Let the message of Odd Fellowship go each month to every member of the Order through your fraternal paper, and it will do more to create enthusiasm, stimulate fraternity, increase interest, prevent suspensions and secure members, than any other one thing you can do.

"In extending the circulation of the fraternal paper it is proper to use the funds of the Lodge, and, if the Lodge is financially able to do so, I recommend that it use its Lodge funds to subscribe for the paper for each of its members."

Dated at Boise, Idaho, this 18th day of December, 1928.

FRANK MARTIN,
Grand Sire.

POWER AND DUTIES OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE

Centred in the Sovereign Grand Lodge is the supreme power of the Order, executive, legislative and judicial. Under its executive power it enforces its laws and exercises supervision of the conduct and activities of the Order. In its judicial capacity it interprets and declares the law. These executive and judicial powers are, in a large measure, vested in the Grand Sire during the recesses of this Grand Body. Its legislative power is supreme except as limited by its own Constitution and the constitutions and charters granted to Quasi-Independent Jurisdictions and to Grand Bodies.

Holding and exercising these vast powers this Body must necessarily assume the responsibility of furnishing to the Order generally, in broad terms, the policies which are to give force and trend to Odd Fellowship. In other words, this Body must take upon itself the active leadership of Odd Fellowship under all the powers which it holds.

All agree that the Subordinate Bodies are the foundation and their membership the militant forces of Odd Fellowship. That in the numerous localities where the members of Subordinate Bodies live Odd Fellowship lives, acts and achieves either failure or success. Therefore the first consideration, in legislation, judicial interpretation and in forming administrative policies must be to strengthen, build and ennoble the work of the Subordinate Bodies. Our legislation should be so liberalized and so interpreted as to bestow upon these Subordinate Bodies the greatest measure of self-government consistent with the preservation of the fundamental principles and ideals of the Order and the maintaining of its dignity and high purposes. Within these limitations such social privileges should be granted as will make the Lodge life of the ordinary member more enjoyable. Our Lodges should be encouraged to participation in the social and civic life of the communities where they exist. Our laws should give the local Lodge a chance to make itself a recognized

factor in the civic life of the community. With proper safeguards a larger use of Lodge funds should be permitted for these purposes.

In the exercise of our judicial power a liberal construction should be given to our laws and regulations. I do not mean by this that either the spirit or the letter of the law should be strained, but the purposes of Odd Fellowship should not be defeated by a too narrow or technical interpretation of our laws.

I recommend the adoption of a new section to our Code reading as follows:

"Section—The provisions of this Code of General Laws and of all enactments and resolutions adopted or passed by The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be liberally construed with a view to effect the objects and purposes of Odd Fellowship."

We have not had a uniform construction by the Grand Sires or by The Sovereign Grand Lodge and the enactment of this legislation should procure us that desirable result.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge has given but little attention to its executive powers. It has in the main left the administration of its laws and the working out of its policies to its Grand Sires. This leads to a very peculiar condition. Among the membership and even at the Sessions of this Grand Body we hear "the policies of the Grand Sire," spoken of as if the Grand Sire created the policies of the Order. Different Grand Sires have had different policies. Have held different views as to the methods to be used and the ends to be attained. In fact different views as to the real purposes of the Order. It is time that this be changed. The Sovereign Grand Lodge should fix the policies of the Order and determine the administrative course to be pursued in carrying on the work of the Order. The Grand Sire, as the chief executive, must work out the details, develop the activities and organize the forces by which these fixed policies are to be carried out.

At its last Session this Grand Body made an important move in that direction by the creation of an Advisory Committee to the Grand Sire to assist him in determining the best means of carrying on the work of the Order. This Committee has been functioning in, what seems to me, a very satisfactory and important manner. Its acts will be more fully set out in another portion of this report. In each Session of this Grand Body a reasonable amount of time should be given to consideration of administrative questions.

To every thoughtful student of Odd Fellowship today many questions are pressing for solution, a correct understanding of which will do much to advance the Order. A few may with propriety be suggested, and will be treated under separate headings:

SICK AND FUNERAL BENEFITS

What has been the effect upon the Order of the system of compulsory sick and funeral benefits?

What has been the effect of that system upon the number and quality of members received?

Have the membership of the Order and the public come to regard the paying of these benefits as one of the purposes or the main purpose of the Order?

Should this system be one of the purposes of the Order or merely an incident to be exercised at its discretion?

Has this system created a selfish spirit in an organization devoted to unselfish fraternity? If so, to what extent?

HOMES

This Order has been the pioneer in home building, for the care of our aged and indigent brothers and sisters and the orphans of our membership. This work has aroused the tenderest sympathy of our members and demands and receives their devoted efforts. Into the building and running of these Homes have gone, in a large measure, the energy, efforts and finances of the Order. They have constituted an activity of which the Order is justly proud. None more so than the present Grand Sire. Yet there are limits beyond which we should not attempt to go. Only the strongest feeling of duty and a sincere interest in the Homes of our Order, prompts any suggestions from me in this connection. Many Homes are fully occupied, further admissions thereto cannot be made except as vacancies occur or buildings are enlarged. Instances of waiting lists of applicants are not rare. Scarcely a year passes that some Jurisdiction does not increase the housing facilities of its Home or Homes. The number of applications for residence therein are steadily increasing. During the past year the per capita tax for maintenance in most Jurisdictions has had a tendency to be increased.

In addition to supporting the Homes, under the sanction of this Body, many Jurisdictions are spending large sums for the support of members and their dependents outside of the Home. In some Jurisdictions the cost of these activities is becoming a real burden upon the membership; has reduced the finances of the Grand Lodge to such an extent that it is unable to carry on other activities for the good of the Order. There seems to be a feeling among the membership that the Order has guaranteed them a support in these Homes when their age and necessity require it. The relatives of members seem to have the same impression.

This should lead us to consider very carefully the management and future position of the Order toward these Homes, their maintenance and the persons who shall become residents therein.

Are the plans and policies under which the Homes are generally being conducted correct and feasible or are they leading to financial burdens which our members should not be called upon to bear?

Should the tax burden of building and maintaining Homes be further increased, or should a policy of diminishing these burdens be adopted?

Should the policy be to continue to liberalize the qualifications for entrance to these Homes, or should there by a restriction to cases of actual necessity?

Is the building and maintenance of these Homes becoming in the minds of the membership one of the purposes of the Order?

Is residence therein considered by our membership as an assumed obligation of the Lodge? If so, is this a correct theory, or should our membership be taught that the privilege of becoming a resident in a Home rests in the discretion of the Order.

Is the policy followed in many Jurisdictions of meeting the entire expense of maintaining the Home by a general tax upon the members of the Jurisdiction just and sound?

Or should each Lodge having a resident in the Home pay a fixed weekly sum toward the maintenance of the Home for each of such residents?

Should Odd Fellowship assume an obligation toward its members ahead of that of first blood kin?

Should a father, mother or a child be admitted to a Home and cared for at the expense of the Order when the child, or the father, is financially able to care for such dependent relative?

PROPER BASIS OF SECURING MEMBERSHIP

To my mind one of the most serious questions before the Order is, What is the proper basis of securing members? The course followed in many Jurisdictions and parts of Jurisdictions, seems a departure from the fundamental ideals and purposes of the Order. During my service as Deputy Grand Sire and as Grand Sire, I have been amazed at the extent to which members of the Order, and even prominent officials and past officials of many Jurisdictions, have advanced the payment of stipulated sick and funeral benefits and the fact that Homes were being maintained in which members and their dependents might be cared for at the expense of the Order, as an inducement and reason why a man should unite with the Order. Such an argument appeals solely to the selfish interest of men. It implies a guarantee that for the price of admission and the yearly dues the Lodge will undertake to pay the member a stipulated sick and funeral benefit and will provide care and maintenance in the Homes of the Order for him and his dependents should he be at any time unable to do so. If this represents the ideals and purposes of Odd Fellowship we should in the most public way so declare. If we are to assume these financial obligations then we must prepare to meet them and provide fees, dues and reserve funds in a sufficient amount to discharge them according to the expectations created in the minds of those whom we invite to become members of the Order. To my mind this is contrary to our purposes and highly destructive.

No man should be permitted, much less invited, to become a member of this Order for a selfish reason. When members are so obtained and the results fail to meet their expectations, they naturally leave the Order. If the real purposes of the Order are to bring men into a world-wide fraternity recognizing the "Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man," to teach him immortality, love, friendship, the value of truth, mutual assistance, meaning not the payment of money but brotherly and friendly help and attention, combatting evil, supporting law, order and education, and cultivating all these higher attributes which tend to make men prosperous, contented and happy, then we should so declare in no unmistakable terms and our membership and the prominent officials of the Order should not be permitted to teach otherwise.

Are we leading our membership by these things to forget their obligations under Section 41 of the Code of General Laws, which reads as follows:

Section 41. Attentive Benefits. The term "attentive benefits" shall be construed to include all those attentions to the needs and wants of a brother who is sick or disabled in body or distressed in mind required by the laws of the Order and the precepts of the ritual. It shall include the obligations of Subordinate Bodies to visit and wait on the sick, to inter their deceased members with the honours of the Order and to minister and give comfort to the widow and the orphan. It shall not include the payment of any stipulated pecuniary benefits, either to the brother himself or the members of his family.

If such is the case, what course should we pursue to bring them back into a proper observance of the duties enjoined by this law of the

Order? What effect has this course had on increasing or diminishing the number dropped for non-payment of dues?

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGE AND ITS MEMBERS

We who have been members of the Order for 30 years or more well remember at that time the responsibility the Subordinate Lodge felt, and of which its members were proud, to care for its sick, for the funeral of its deceased member, for his widow and children. This responsibility extended not only to financial assistance, but to all those acts of kindness and attention which friendship and brotherhood demands.

What is the condition now? Have Grand Lodges largely usurped from Subordinate Bodies these responsibilities? Apparently so. The subordinate member has felt relieved of all responsibility. If a member is sick, report him to the Board of Home Trustees then forget him. If the member dies and leaves an aged widow, get her into the Home and forget her. The infant child is treated in the same way. If the member's wife is left with children get her financial assistance from the Home Board and forget. The taking from the member the right and obligation to discharge these functions has naturally caused him to lose interest in the Order and this lack of interest is the hardest thing with which those who are laboring for the upbuilding of the Order have to contend.

SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

Here again it seems we have not met our responsibility. We have not taught our Lodges and our membership that the payment of dues is a legal and moral obligation which the member is bound to meet. The course of our dealing with this question has created just the opposite impression. Ours is a selective membership and comprises more than ordinarily honest men. They would not think of beating or evading ordinary bills which they contract, yet we have permitted them to feel that if for any reason they become in arrears in their dues and have lost interest in the Lodge, they can honestly quit by simply failing to pay their dues. We should begin to teach our membership to observe the rules of common honesty in this matter. That no member can honestly leave a Lodge owing it money. That such conduct is unbecoming an Odd Fellow. The honest way of leaving the Order should he so desire should be taught to him. I earnestly recommend that such legislation be enacted as will cause to be taught to our membership in some lecture, the exact duty of a member in this regard. I also suggest that in some appropriate way, every applicant for membership be pledged upon his honour to carry out all his financial obligations to the Lodge.

FEES FOR MEMBERSHIP

In many Jurisdictions the fees for admission to Subordinate Lodges seem ridiculously small, considering the benefits conferred. The questions naturally arise:

What is the effect upon our Lodges of receiving members for these small fees?

Does it give a proper valuation of the Order to the public and to the members?

Does the small sum paid induce men to join from curiosity or other trivial motives?

What effect does this have upon suspension for non-payment of dues and withdrawals from the Order?

SOCIAL AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

We should carefully consider whether under our laws Lodges can indulge in the social activities to the extent desirable. There is a growing feeling among the membership that our laws are too restrictive in this regard. They do not wish to indulge in anything that will lower the dignity of the Order or divert the public mind from its high purposes and exalted ideals. They feel they should be permitted to organize and enjoy social gatherings and programmes of an elevating and educative character, at such times and in such way, as are usually enjoyed by members of church and other organizations. That these should be conducted in the name of the Order. They do not wish to get together as individuals in a way that the laws of the Order seem to forbid.

Then we have the question of the Lodge, as such, taking part in the civic life of the community in which it is located. We should well pause and consider if we cannot, with profit, to the Order, permit and encourage our Lodges, as such, to participate in community service or local activities.

To carry out these purposes would require a liberalizing of our laws in regard to expenditure from Lodge funds. This, of course, could only be done under proper safeguards or by the creation of a separate fund to be used for these purposes.

CONSIDERATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Many of these matters have been considered by the Grand Sire and the Advisory Committee, but sufficient data does not exist from which correct conclusions can be drawn. A few of these and similar questions can be taken up and considered at each session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge. Those that have none or little value can be rejected, those that are worthy of further consideration can be referred to Special Committees or to the Research Committee, for investigation, the gathering of data, to report facts and conclusions. In this way, in a few years, an effective administrative policy can be constructed to be followed and promulgated by Grand Sires to the Officers of the Grand Jurisdictions. This will result in our members clearly understanding what Odd Fellowship means, what it seeks to attain and the obligations assumed to its membership.

It may be said that these investigations will incur considerable expense. Be it so, we often, otherwise, spend money that might be saved and applied with good results upon administrative matters. Take the matter of selecting a place for the Annual Sessions of this Grand Body. It is well known that a Session at one place will cost much more than at another place. This difference in cost has at times amounted to \$20,000, yet that matter has never received consideration at the hands of this Body when a meeting place is being selected.

The Advisory Committee has selected four questions which we feel should be considered at this Session. They are rather fundamental and present a starting point for investigation such as I have mentioned. The first question is educative, the others present practical policies in administration. They are as follows:

1. What are the real and peculiar principles of Odd Fellowship?
2. How shall we give practical expression to these principles?

3. How can we broaden and extend the sphere of our influence and usefulness, either by the admission of new members or by other means?

4. How can The Sovereign Grand Lodge best assist the several Jurisdictions in the promotion and development of the Order and its interests?

We ask that you devote four hours to the consideration of these questions: this may be done at two Sessions of two hours each, one hour, or such portion thereof as may be necessary, to be given to each. We suggest the afternoons of Monday and Wednesday might properly be used for this purpose. In order that the questions might be properly presented, we have arranged for an officer or representative in a 15 minute address, to open the discussion on each question. The selections being as follows:

Question No. 1. Deputy Grand Sire Logan.

Question No. 2. Past Grand Sire Eastin.

Question No. 3. Grand Representative Hibbert.

Question No. 4. Past Grand Sire Merrill.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

At the 1928 Session a Bill was enacted creating an Advisory Committee to the Grand Sire and authorizing such committee to appoint a Research Committee.

This Committee to be composed of the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Junior Past Grand Sire, ex-officio, and four members appointed by the Grand Sire. The Grand Sire appointed Reps. Hersham, Brueck, Brooks and Lindsay. Brother Brueck from personal reasons declined and Rep. Pittinger was appointed to fill the vacancy.

VISITATIONS

The Grand Sire visited 16 Jurisdictions: In all of these Jurisdictions, except two, conferences were held. In the evening, after each conference, public meetings were held, addressed by the Grand Sire. A large number of other public meetings and functions were addressed by the Grand Sire. Two Grand Lodges, one Grand Encampment, two Rebekah Assemblies and one Department Council were visited and addressed by him. In all the Grand Sire addressed not less than 20,000 members of the Order.

Deputy Grand Sire Logan, visited 15 Jurisdictions and held conferences in all except two. He delivered addresses the evening following each conference, and to many other gatherings of the Order, the total membership addressed was not less than 15,000.

Brother Hersham, as Special Deputy Grand Sire, visited four Jurisdictions, holding conferences in each and in the evening addressing public meetings.

Brother Brooks, as Special Deputy Grand Sire, visited six Jurisdictions, holding conferences in each, also two Grand Lodges, two Rebekah Assemblies and two Grand Encampments, delivering addresses upon each occasion.

Past Grand Sire Merrill, as Special Deputy Grand Sire, visited two Jurisdictions, addressing large public meetings in each, in the evenings.

Brother Pittinger, as Special Deputy Grand Sire, visited two Jurisdictions, holding conferences therein and addressing public meetings in the evening.

Past Grand Sire Eastin, as Special Deputy Grand Sire, visited one Jurisdiction, holding a conference therein and addressing a large audience in the evening. He was to have visited one other Jurisdiction but was unavoidably prevented.

Grand Rep. Gwynn, as Special Deputy Grand Sire, visited all the Grand Bodies of one Jurisdiction and delivered addresses therein.

Grand Rep. Norman, as Special Deputy Grand Sire, visited all the Grand Bodies of one Jurisdiction and delivered addresses before these Grand Bodies and at a large public meeting, also holding a conference with the officers of the Grand Bodies.

Past Grand Rep. Horne, as Special Deputy Grand Sire, visited all the Grand Bodies of the two Jurisdictions, delivering addresses therein, addressing public meetings and holding conferences with the officers of the Grand Bodies.

Brother Pine, of New Jersey, as Special Deputy Grand Sire, visited one Jurisdiction, holding a conference with the officers of the Grand Bodies thereof and addressing a public meeting.

In all, 50 Jurisdictions were visited by the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, and these Special Deputy Grand Sires, and not less than 50,000 members of the Order were addressed.

Great interest was shown in practically all these conferences and they were largely attended and at each the obstacles and hindrances to success were discussed and plans were laid for such work as would tend to solve the problems and bring about better conditions. The Grand Jurisdictions visited have all expressed their approval and faith in the conference method and their determination to better organize for team work in accordance with instructions therein.

REBEKAH ODD FELLOWSHIP

Rebekah organizations and members have proceeded, as usual, along self-sacrificing paths of duty and earnest endeavour to fulfil each obligation to Odd Fellowship. It has met its problems courageously and successfully and will continue to do so, to the honour and glory of that branch of the Order. In the conferences held in the various Jurisdictions the officers of the Rebekah Assemblies and the members present at all times impressed the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire and Special Deputy Grand Sires by their earnest interest and their willingness to make every effort asked of them and to fulfil every duty imposed upon them with energy and skill.

In most of the Jurisdictions the membership of the Rebekah Lodges has increased during the year and the earnest and well-organized efforts which are being made in nearly every Jurisdiction will show further advancement in the future.

Association of Rebekah Assemblies—The Association of Rebekah Assemblies has now been seven years under a charter granted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge. The results of its labours have been recognized as of value to the Order in perfecting and furthering the work of the Rebekah degree. Composed of one representative from each affiliated Rebekah Assembly it is in form an extremely democratic body in which every Jurisdiction has an equal voice.

We are indebted to this body for the Education Foundation and for many plans and provisions now in active operation for improving the work of the Rebekah Lodges.

The Association does not legislate or have judicial power but is engaged in studying the problems peculiar to Rebekah Odd Fellowship and formulating working plans which may be taken to the various Jurisdictions and used in a helpful way. Here differences of opinion as to plans and policies can be brought and tested in the field of careful consideration by thoughtful members representing the assemblies.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge should give the Association every assistance possible and especially in the way of stabilizing and increasing its finances to meet its needs.

No thought of conferring other or additional powers upon the Association should be entertained at this time. It is occupying a field to which it is peculiarly adapted and in which the greatest good can be accomplished. The Sovereign Grand Lodge, with profit, can consider and carefully study Rebekah problems through its Committee on Rebekah Degree and from time to time suggest these matters to the Association for its consideration.

PATRIARCHS MILITANT

This branch of the Order has shown advancement during the year in the manner of its work and in securing new members. The General Commanding Will C. Miller, has been most energetic in his work and has applied a high order of ability to the performance of his duties. During the two years of his generalship he has visited every Jurisdiction on the North American continent. His counsel with the Officers of Department Councils and cantons have been invaluable and his addresses before public meetings of the Order, of which he has delivered a larger number, have been most impressive.

The field from which the membership of this branch of the Order can be drawn is limited by law to secure its members from the Patriarchal branch. My observation has been that this has been a severe handicap to the cantons in securing members and of no material advantage to the Encampment branch. I therefore recommend that such legislation be had as will make third degree members eligible for membership in the Patriarchs Militant.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

I desire to call particular attention to the Educational Foundation and the splendid work it is doing. It has been able to assist during the year a large number of the sons and daughters of our members to a higher education whom otherwise might not have received this advantage. For a complete statement of its operations during the year I refer to the report of the Foundation.

This Grand Body should give encouragement in every way possible to up-building the Foundation. Grand Bodies should be encouraged to do something each year for the Foundation. The amount given is not so important as that the custom of doing something each year be established. If each Grand Body gave a small sum toward the Foundation each year and each subordinate body gave one dollar each year toward the Foundation, this, together with the voluntary donations which it would receive, would in a few years build up a splendid trust fund to be used in the work.

HOMES

During the two years last past I availed myself of the opportunity afforded to visit many of the Homes of the Order. Without exception

I found them well managed and the officers and attendants faithfully discharging their duties. The residents were happy and appreciative of the care which was being given them. The various Jurisdictions are justly proud of these Homes. Some Jurisdictions have overbuilt, in others the Homes are not sufficient to take all who request residence therein. Some Jurisdictions have been so liberal in the regulations and requirements for admission to the Home that they have taken many who might properly have been excluded. In some instances the burdens thereby assumed are becoming a problem, which in the near future will have to be met.

SPECIAL RELIEF—FLORIDA

On the closing day of the 1928 session I was informed by telegram of a disaster in Florida resulting from storms, which destroyed or damaged the halls of some of our Lodges and the homes of many of our members causing much suffering and distress. The members of the General Relief Committee authorized the Grand Sire to give such sums for relief as he found to be necessary. Upon the recommendation of the Grand Master of Florida, the General Relief Committee appointed Bro. W. T. Callahan to administer relief on behalf of the committee. He accepted by wire and \$1,000 was immediately wired to him, thereafter the General Relief Committee sent the additional sum of \$7,000 in two payments, making a total of \$8,000 furnished. This was administered in a very prudent manner by the brother in charge and a report made of the disbursements returning to the Grand Secretary the sum of \$157.15. The Grand Secretary will no doubt furnish a more complete report.

The General Relief Funds is reduced to the point where it will be necessary at the next call for assistance to issue an appeal to the Jurisdiction for contributions.

FRATERNAL PRESS

Every Grand Sire whose report I have read has spoken in the highest terms of the service rendered by the papers of the Order. Every Sovereign Grand Lodge has passed resolutions eulogizing their accomplishments. The Grand Lodge and other Grand Bodies in the various Jurisdictions in each session speak in similar high terms of assistance being given to the Order and the officers by these Odd Fellow papers. I have no doubt that this has been highly gratifying to the editors of these papers and received with due appreciation. If these papers are to do all, and be all to us, that we would have them do and be, we must do something more substantial to assist them. The Sovereign Grand Lodge has done but little and the Jurisdictions but little more. In some Jurisdictions not more than one-tenth of the membership subscribe and pay for these papers. It is rare that more than one third of the membership do so.

I have urged upon the Grand Officers of every Jurisdiction to make an earnest and determined campaign to see that the fraternal paper is placed in the hands of every member of the Jurisdiction. That these officers impress upon their subordinate bodies the value of the Lodge subscribing for the fraternal paper of the Jurisdiction. It appeals to me that this is the most effective way of building up our press and making it the real help it should be. It is of little advantage to a Jurisdiction to have a good, newsy, well-edited paper when but from one-tenth to one-third of the members are reading it.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge should adopt some active means or measure of urging this matter upon the Jurisdictions.

EXTRACTS FROM GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Officers and Representatives:

Another year has passed, and it again becomes my duty to submit to you a report of the condition of the Order and a report of the business of the Grand Secretary's office.

When the annual report for 1928 was submitted, it was hoped for, and the consensus of opinion of leading members of our Order was that we had reached the peak of our losses in membership. However, these hopes have been shattered, as all branches of the Order for the year ending December 31, 1928, show heavy losses. Some of the Jurisdictions report much smaller losses than heretofore, while others report increased losses.

While the losses by suspension are somewhat above the average, a close analysis of the statistical reports will clearly indicate that admissions have fallen off to a much greater extent than the suspensions have increased, which would indicate that one of the causes of our recurrent annual losses is the lack of work in the subordinate bodies.

Notwithstanding the losses in membership for the year ending December 31, 1928, the business of the office of the Grand Secretary, continues satisfactory. The fiscal year closing June 30, 1929, compares very favourably with the business of preceding years.

An examination and comparison of the assets of The Sovereign Grand Lodge for the year ending June 30, 1928, and that of the year ending June 30, 1929, will show a considerable decrease in assets. This decrease is due to the abnormal increase shown in the report for 1928. In that year we were in the midst of the exchange of subordinate and Rebekah Lodge rituals. These rituals had all been distributed and charged to the various Jurisdictions, and but few credits had been allowed for rituals destroyed. During the present fiscal year, however, all the Jurisdictions have received credit for old rituals destroyed which naturally reduce the assets of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, as reflected in the large debtor balance shown in the report for 1928.

The officers of The Sovereign Grand Lodge and of the various Grand Jurisdictions have been very active in promoting the interest of the Order throughout its grand domain.

Included in this report will be found the statistical reports for all branches of the Order as well as a report of the business transactions of The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The statistical report of the Patriarchs Militant will be found, as usual, in the report of the Adjutant-General.

The loss in subordinate membership under the jurisdiction of The Sovereign Grand Lodge for the year ending December 31, 1928, is 68,223, as compared with 61,097 for 1927. The loss in Encampment membership is 17,381, as compared with 14,291 for 1927. The loss in Rebekah membership is 26,465, as compared with 20,743 for 1927.

The total Subordinate membership throughout the world December 31, 1928, is 1,712,529, as compared with 1,780,705 for 1927. The total encampment membership on December 31, 1928, is 307,794, as compared with 318,797 for 1927. The total Rebekah membership on December 31, 1928, is 1,022,141, as compared with 1,048,606 for 1927.

RELIEF AND RECEIPTS OF SUBORDINATES IN 1928

The total expenditure for relief in 1928 is \$6,593,158.45, as compared with \$7,392,481.67 for 1927. The total invested funds of Grand and Subordinate Bodies in 1928 is \$101,378,649.75, as compared with \$109,593,336.42 for 1927. The total amount expended for relief from 1830 to 1928, inclusive, has been \$261,453,908.93.

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

From 1830 to December 31, 1928.

Including Australasia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden and Switzerland.

Initiations in Subordinate Lodges	5,731,572
Members Relieved	6,380,325
Widowed Families Relived	459,695
Members Deceased	763,228
Total Relief	\$ 261,453,908.93
Total Revenue	\$ 693,275,893.16
Condition of the Order Throughout the World, December 31, 1928	
Sovereign Grand Lodge	1
Quasi-Independent Grand Lodge (Australasia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden and Switzerland)	9
Grand Lodges	70
Grand Encampments	58
Department Councils Patriarchs Militant	34
Subordinate Lodges	15,484
Subordinate Encampments	3,561
Rebekah Lodges	10,312
Cantons Patriarchs Militant	777
Lodge Members	1,712,529
Encampment Members	301,794
Rebekah Lodge Members	1,022,141
Patriarchs Militant Members	31,601
Total Number of Persons belonging to the Order	2,463,177
Total Relief Paid in 1928	\$ 6,593,158.45
Total Receipts for Subordinate Bodies in 1928	25,343,304.17
Total Receipts, Patriarchs Militant, 1928	147,810.40
Total Expense for Grand and Subordinate Bodies in 1928	16,824,819.96
Invested Funds of Grand and Subordinate Bodies, December 31, 1928	\$ 101,378,649.75
Invested Funds of the Patriarchs Militant, December 31, 1928	1,475,184.43
Total Expense, Patriarchs Militant in 1928	151,982.22

DECISIONS

The following decisions are as given by the Grand Sire as amended and approved by Sovereign Grand Lodge; only those which are considered as being of interest to the membership of this Jurisdiction are quoted.

Decision No. 1 (Minnesota) —

Question: Who gives the preliminary charge found on pages 33 and 34 of the new Rebekah Ritual, the officers of the Degree Staff or the regular officers of the Lodge?

A. The matter referred to is in the work of the Degree and is given by the officers conferring the Degree. These may be either the regular officers of the Lodge or acting officers who form a Degree Staff.

Decision No. 2 (Kentucky)—

Statement: The Grand Lodge passed a resolution levying an assessment of ten cents per member upon the members of the Jurisdiction to be paid to the Grand Secretary to be placed in a "Band Fund" and used for the upkeep of the boys' band at the Home, paying their actual travelling expenses.

Question: Can the Grand Lodge legally make this levy upon the members for this purpose?

A. No.

Decision No. 3 (Saskatchewan)—

Statement: Rebekah Lodges have six months terms and during the term the Lodge held nine regular meetings, there being thirteen regular meetings in the term. The Noble Grand attended six of the nine meetings, and was not reported sick and her absence excused by the Lodge.

Question: Is the Noble Grand entitled to the honours of the Office?

A. No.

Decision No. 4 (Kansas)—

Statement: A Subordinate Lodge in conferring the Third Degree is using a tableaux, depicting the characters and scenes of the Initiatory, First and Second Degrees and also repeating small parts of the charges of these degrees.

Question: Is this permissible?

A. A Subordinate Lodge may use tableaux in the Third Degree, depicting characters of scenes of the Initiatory, First and Second Degrees, but no repetitions of parts or charges of other degrees or matters not found in the Third Degree can be added thereto.

Decision No. 5 (Nebraska)—

Statement: Lincoln, University Place and Havelock, have one Odd Fellows' Lodge each. University Place has been taken into the incorporated limits of Lincoln. Havelock is really a part of the city of Lincoln but is not within the corporate limits.

Question: Can each of these Lodges take applications for membership promiscuously in this general community, or does each have a separate Jurisdiction?

A. The territorial jurisdiction of Subordinate Lodges is a matter for local Grand Lodge legislation.

Decision No. 6 (Nebraska)—

Question: May a member of an Encampment wear Encampment Regalia in a Rebekah Lodge?

A. Yes.

Decision No. 7 (Pennsylvania)—

Statement: The Grand Encampment at its last Session passed the following resolution:

"To establish, under the auspices of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, a Home for Aged Odd Fellows, who have sufficient income from pensions or other sources to maintain themselves.

"Whereas the homes for aged and indigent Odd Fellows in Pennsylvania are fast filling up, and

"Whereas, many are being reported ineligible, who are not indigent, having an income from pensions, rents and money ample for their support;

"Whereas, much complaint is made because of their rejections;

"Therefore be it resolved, that a committee of five be appointed to give this full consideration, and report (the feasibility of) a plan, with place and cost, at the next session of this Grand Encampment."

Question: Can such a home be established under the laws of The Sovereign Grand Lodge?

A. Section 473, Code authorizes Grand Bodies to establish and maintain Homes for "aged and indigent Odd Fellows." Subdivision (b) of the same section authorizes jurisdiction to fix the qualifications for admission to these Homes. Section 477, Code authorizes Grand Bodies to enact laws and promulgate rules for the government of their Homes, and prescribe the qualifications for admission thereto.

It is my opinion that "aged and indigent Odd Fellows" as used in Section 473, refers to two classes of Odd Fellows, to wit, "aged" and "indigent" Odd Fellows. I am, therefore, of the opinion that your Grand Encampment could provide such a Home for aged Odd Fellows who were able to pay the expenses of living therein, and fix that qualification for admission thereto.

Decision No. 8 (Ohio)—

Statement: State Line Lodge is situated on the Ohio side of Union City, Ohio. On the Indiana side is also an Odd Fellow Lodge. State Line Lodge petitioned the Indiana Lodge to accept its members and property in a consolidation, and the same was accepted and the consolidation approved by the Grand Master of Indiana.

Question: Has State Line Lodge a legal right to petition for consolidation? Has the Grand Master of Ohio the right to sanction the consolidation, and the transfer of the property to the Indiana Lodge?

A. In view of the fact that State Line Lodge, in the Jurisdiction of Ohio, has applied for consolidation with a Lodge in the Jurisdiction of Indiana, a legal consolidation can only be effected by complying with the laws of each Jurisdiction governing consolidations, and with the Code of General Laws of 1925, in so far as same relates to the residents of one Jurisdiction being admitted to membership in another Jurisdiction. (Sects. 491-493-780, Code of General Laws, 1925.)

Decision No. 9 (Phillipines)—

Question: Can the Lodge pay contributions from its Contingent or General Fund to various charitable societies, such as the Public Welfare Board, the American Guardian Association for American Mestizo Children, the Daughters of American Veterans, etc., especially to furnish young orphans whose fathers were Americans, with a good time for Christmas?

A. No. But the Lodge can, under the provisions of Section 321, Code of General Laws, 1925, create a special fund from which they can

make such contributions to general charity. This fund will be composed of money obtained from the following sources: "Voluntary subscriptions, or the holding of entertainments or bazaars where no portion of the expense therewith is chargeable to any regular fund of the Sub-ordinate Body."

Decision No. 12 (West Virginia)—

Statement: The law requires the Installing Officer to be either a Past Grand, a Past Chief Patriarch, or Past Noble Grand, as the case may be.

Question: Does the law require all other Installing Officers to be Past Grands, Past Chief Patriarchs and Past Noble Grands, that is to say, must the Installing Officer appoint Past Officers for the several stations during Installation?

A. Yes.

Decision No. 14 (Alberta)—

Statement: Some of the officers of British Columbia have spoken to officers of Alberta to Instituting a Subordinate Lodge at Pouce Coupe, British Columbia, which is situated on the east side of the mountains and is practically isolated from the balance of British Columbia and fairly near Subordinate Lodges in Alberta. If you as Grand Sire can authorize this a Subordinate Lodge can be instituted at that place, and placed under the Jurisdiction of Alberta, as the point is three hundred miles from any Subordinate Lodge in British Columbia, and could only be reached from British Columbia through Alberta.

Question: Can the Grand Sire authorize the Institution of this Lodge, to be under the Jurisdiction of Alberta, both of these Jurisdictions consenting?

A. No. (Section 364, Code General Laws.)

Decision No. 15 (Minnesota)—

Question: Can the officers of a Rebekah Assembly, when acting as such, wear jewels in lieu of the regalia?

A. No.

Decision No. 16 (Australasia)—

Question: Can the Grand Lodge of Australasia under its quasi-independent charter manufacture its own jewels?

A. Yes.

Decision No. 18 (Ontario)—

Question: Under the new ritual is it required that the Lodge or degree Lodge conferring the degree shall examine the candidate before proceeding to confer the degree.

A. If in his own Lodge, yes. If the degree is to be conferred in another Lodge then his old Lodge can examine him and certify to it in the certificate provided for by Section 219, Code of General Laws, or can request the examination to be made by the Lodge conferring the degree. In either case the examination must be in open Lodge.

Decision No. 19 (Virginia)—

Statement: The Rebekah Assembly of Virginia was a member of the Association of Rebekah Assemblies at the time the Association was

chartered, was represented in the Association by a representative elected by the Rebekah Assembly of Virginia, who attended the session of the Association in 1921 (1921 Journal of Rebekah Assembly of Virginia, p. 39).

At the 1925 session of the Rebekah Assembly of Virginia a motion that the Assembly of Virginia withdraw from the Association was adopted (1925 Journal, p. 61).

Question: (a) In view of the decision of the Grand Sire approved at the 1928 session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge (see decision 6, S.G.L. Journal, p. 490) was the action taken by the Rebekah Assembly of Virginia in withdrawing from the Association of Rebekah Assemblies legal?

A. No. (Rep. 9, p. 246 S.G.L., Journal, 1925.)

Question: (b) Is the Rebekah Assembly of Virginia still a member of the Association of Rebekah Assemblies?

A. Yes. (Rep. 9, p. 246, S.G.L. Journal, 1925).

Decision No. 22 (South Dakota)—

Question: Can a Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly hold a joint public installation and if so, can they use the installation ceremonies prescribed for subordinate bodies changing titles of officers to fit?

Answer: No.

Decision No. 23 (Mississippi)—

Statement: At the session of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi held May 15-18, 1929, three separate resolutions were passed making donations of money for the benefit of certain individuals out of the General Fund of the Grand Lodge.

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, Section 42, designates the following funds as those of the Grand Lodge: "Orphans' Home Fund," "Special Fund," and "General Fund." This section provides that "The General Fund of the Grand Lodge does and shall consist of all funds derived from any and all sources, other than the Orphans' Home Fund, and such special funds as from time to time may be created for specific purposes. The General Fund shall be used for the legitimate expenses of the Grand Lodge and for the promotion of the principles of the Order in this Jurisdiction, and for no other purpose. This shall not be held to prevent the accumulation of any surplus in the General Fund and the safe investment of the same." Justification for making these appropriations was based upon Section 312 of the Code of General Laws.

Question: Under the general laws of the Order, and under the provision of its own Constitution has the Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., of Mississippi, the right or authority to make out of its general fund the donations or any of them, as proposed and set forth herein?

In my opinion the provisions of Section 312 do not apply. The word "calamity" occurring in that section does not, in my opinion, refer to general distress such as sickness or inability to work from age, but refers only to such as floods, earthquakes, and similar matters, causing general distress too great for local lodges to relieve. It is not claimed that the appropriations of money were for purposes embraced in Section 474, Code of General Laws, the resolution appropriating the money from the "General Fund" of the Grand Lodge. It is, therefore, not necessary to notice the purposes of the "Orphans' Home Fund," or the "Special Fund." The provisions of the Grand Lodge Constitution in

regard to the "General Fund" is not sufficiently broad to justify appropriations for the relief of members of a Subordinate Lodge. Moreover, this matter is covered by the provisions of Section 313 of the Code of General Laws, which prohibits Grand Lodges from making donations from their funds either directly or indirectly, for purposes of ordinary relief.

Decision No. 27 (Idaho)—

Statement: A Rebekah Lodge consolidated with another Rebekah Lodge in August. The Noble Grand and Vice Grand had served the majority of the meeting nights in the term which is one year.

Question: Are these officers entitled to honours of Past Noble Grand and Past Vice Grand.

A. Yes. (Section 931, Code of General Laws.)

Decision No. 28 (Massachusetts)—

Statement: Article X, Section 1, Subordinate Constitution provides: Each member of the Lodge shall be assessed weekly dues in the sum not less than \$1.25 per quarter, the amount to be specified in the by-laws and to be payable in advance at the first regular meetings in January, April, July and October.

Section 4 of said article, provides as the penalty for non-payment, that a member whose dues are not paid for a quarter will become in arrears at the close of the first regular meeting in the succeeding quarter.

A member who is indebted to his Lodge for one quarter's dues, assessments or fines, is disqualified and is not entitled to the semi-annual password, to vote in the Lodge, or to receive weekly benefits, or the services of a watcher or nurse, nor is he qualified for the payment of a funeral benefit or funeral expense but is a contributing member until suspended or expelled, and is entitled to visit his own Lodge.

When a member shall become disqualified by reason of non-payment of dues, he shall not become entitled to any of the benefits above mentioned until four weeks after he shall have paid in full all dues, assessments and fines that have legally accrued against him up to the date of such payment.

Article V., Section 3.—Qualification for Office.—Any third degree member in "good standing" shall be eligible to election or appointment to any office except to the office of Noble Grand and Vice-Grand. All officers must have received the third degree, and when installed must be free from indebtedness to the Lodge.

A Past Grand of the Lodge whose dues were paid to July 1, 1928, was on September 24, 1928, elected to the office of Noble Grand, the last payment of dues having been made August 13, 1928.

Question: (a) Was this brother in "good standing" and qualified for election to the office of Noble Grand at the meeting of September 24, 1928?

A. Yes, so far as his election is concerned.

Question: (b) Did his failure to pay his dues "In full up to the date of such payment" (August 13, 1928) deprive him of "good standing" indefinitely, and until such time as he shall pay his dues in full to the date of such payment?

Answer: This condition did not deprive him of the right to be elected Noble Grand of his Lodge.

Under Article V., Section 3 Subordinate Constitution he is not required to be free of indebtedness on the books at the date of his election, but only at the date of his installation.

The benefits of which he was deprived by his failure to pay to the date of payment are enumerated under Article IX, Section 4, Constitution of Subordinates, and does not include the right to be elected to office.

Question: (c) What is "good standing" in a Subordinate Lodge?

Answer: A member is in "good standing" in his Subordinate Lodge when he is indebted to his Lodge less than the amount provided by the by-laws or constitution of the Subordinate Lodge required to deprive him of any of his rights as a member.

Decision No. 29 (British Columbia)—

Question: Does Section 390, Code of General Laws, apply to Past Noble Grands' Associations?

Answer: No, they are organized for social purposes.

Question: (b) Has the Rebekah Assembly of the Jurisdiction the right to stipulate that such Association should apply to the President for dispensations to hold social affairs, etc., for the purpose of raising money for the maintenance of said Association, or for philanthropic or other purposes, and to stipulate further that said Association shall report annually to the Rebekah Assembly on moneys raised and expended?

Answer: No.

Question: (c) Does Section 937, Code of General Laws permit Past Noble Grand to organize themselves into association with restrictions as provided in this section, without constitutional provision for such organization by the Rebekah Assembly of the Jurisdiction?

Answer: Yes.

Decision No. 31 (Maritime Provinces)—

Statement: A new section has been added to the By-laws for the Home, reading as follows:

Section 24a. The Trustees may on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, use the funds of the Home for the care and support, outside of the Home, of persons otherwise qualified for admission as residents, but who, on account of physical disability are ineligible for admission as residents.

Question: Does this Section conflict with Section 478 of the Code of General Laws?

Answer: No.

Decision No. 32 (Maritime Provinces)—

Statement: The constitution for Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction provides that weekly benefits shall be paid only to members not more than thirteen weeks in arrears for dues and not otherwise disqualified. Section 90 of said Constitution requires the Financial Secretary of a Subordinate Lodge to "render, at least two weeks before the end of each quarter, to every brother who is in arrears, or who has not paid his dues for the current quarter, a bill for his indebtedness."

Question: Was he entitled to benefits?

Answer: No. This in my opinion, does not come within the meaning of Section 11, Code General Laws. The brother should have known the date to which his dues were paid and that the secretary made a mistake in his receipt. It is different from the condition shown in paragraph (a) under said section in that the brother in that case lacked the knowledge and applied to the secretary for it; also different from the condition shown in paragraph (b). I do not think that the question of whether or not the Financial Secretary gave notice as required by Section 90 of the constitution has any bearing on the matter.

Decision No. 34 (Ontario)—

Statement: A member had been suspended for non-payment of dues by a Subordinate Lodge and the matter was before the last Session of the Grand Lodge of this Jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge found that the notice of arrears had not been given as provided by Section 547 Code General Laws, and therefore the action of the Lodge in suspending the member was illegal and void and directed that the members name be restored to the regular membership list.

Question: Is such member deprived of the right to obtain and wear a veteran jewel, under paragraph (h) and (i) Section 622, General Code, he being in all other respects eligible to receive it?

Answer: No. The suspension having been declared null and void by the Grand Lodge is as though it had never been.

Decision No. 35 (Washington)—

Statement: In order to create more interest in the encampments, arrangements are being made to confer the dramatic part of the Patriarchal Degree out doors, one mile from a small town, in a secluded spot, where proper protection against intrusion can be had.

Question: Can this be legally done?

Answer: No.

Decision No. 2 (British Columbia)—

Question: If a member of a Ladies' Auxiliary is dropped from a Rebekah Lodge, does it automatically drop her from the auxiliary?

Answer: Yes. (Section 180, P.M. Code, 1928, Journal, p. 732).

Decision No. 3 (Alberta)—

Question: Is a Department Commander entitled to the honours of the Order in the other branches of the Order?

Answer: No, not by reason of his position as Department Commander.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A special committee of seven, of whom Representative Brooks was Chairman, presented a report upon that section of the Grand Sire's report designated "Powers and Duties of The Sovereign Grand Lodge," as found in some of the earlier pages of this report. The report of the committee was unanimously adopted:

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the
Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee to whom was referred that Section of the Grand Sire's report designated "Power and Duties of The Sovereign Grand Lodge," beg to report as follows:

Our thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to Grand Sire Martin for his brief but comprehensive review of the Duties and Powers of the Sovereign Body, and for his survey of and inquiries into the many questions and problems covered by this section of his report. The suggestions made and the questions propounded should engage the attention of all thoughtful members whose privilege it may be to read these paragraphs, and we feel that some steps should be taken to have the many important topics discussed in our Subordinate Lodges. It is to be feared that under our present system there is but little opportunity for such pronouncements and recommendations to reach our subordinates and to be studied and acted upon by the members.

In the final analysis it will be admitted that the real work of the Order must be done in and through the subordinate bodies, and that because of this it is essential that some means must be found to supply the members with historical and statistical facts as to the Order, as well as to furnish them with details and particulars as to our activities in all our governing or controlling bodies. When our subordinates become possessed of a realization of their real functions and possibilities, when they are assured of the greatest possible measure of self-government, when they are convinced that the Sovereign Body is desirous of according them the broadest possible latitude in social and civic activities, consistent with the fundamental principles and exalted ideals of the Order, and when they are provided with genuine leadership and guidance by the Sovereign Body in the matter of policy and the real purposes of the Order, we are confident that we shall have such a response as shall surprise even the most optimistic.

Sick and Funeral Benefits—We are of opinion that through the system of Jurisdictional conferences inaugurated about two years ago, and at this time very generally accepted and approved and by means of this conference scheme being carried back through the districts of our respective jurisdictions, our members generally will soon get a proper perspective of our benefit system and will be prepared to make such adjustments as circumstances and conditions demand.

Our Homes—The points raised and the questions asked by the Grand Sire in connection with our Homes should be given most careful consideration by Grand Representatives and Grand Lodge Executives. There seems to be a growing tendency on the part of Subordinate Lodge members and relatives of ageing and aged members to look upon residence in our Homes as a matter of "legal right" rather than as a matter of privilege accorded by reason of the generous impulses of our members generally. Unless Grand Lodges and Home Boards check up on their Home policies and bring them under scientific and businesslike management, without too much regard to sympathetic and sentimental considerations, there is a danger that our Homes may soon constitute a really serious problem for the Order.

Your Committee feel that Grand Sire Martin should be highly commended for his timely and suggestive comments upon "Attentive Benefits," "Proper Basis of Securing Members," "Fees for Membership," and "Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues." The points raised are worthy of most careful consideration and might well constitute subjects for

discussion and debate in Subordinate Lodges. We should feel inclined to review them at much greater length, if we could have an assurance of our report reaching our Subordinate Lodge members but in the hope of our desire in this respect being more fully carried out, and with a view to having all these questions and topics definitely brought to the attention of our Subordinates, we make the following recommendations:

- (1) That the Grand Sire and the Advisory Council shall have the questions and topics discussed by Grand Sire Martin, in the Section of his report covered by this report, definitely brought to the attention of our Subordinate officers and members through the distribution of circular letters or pamphlets, or by such other means as they may deem most effective.
- (2) That the Grand Sire and the Advisory Council be requested to assist, encourage and inspire subordinate members in their work by supplying them from time to time with such suggestions, information and literature as they may deem advisable and helpful.
- (3) That this Sovereign Grand Lodge put itself on record as heartily and enthusiastically endorsing and approving the conference scheme inaugurated by Past Grand Sire Merrill and continued by Grand Sire Martin.
- (4) That the Grand Sire and Advisory Committee be requested to consider the matter of formulating such plans and developing such policies as may be continued from year to year in connection with Sovereign Grand Lodge and throughout the Order.

Amendments to Code of General Laws

The following amendments to the Code became operative and effective as from January 1st, 1930:

Sec. 201A.—This is a new section enacted to provide for the supply of a form of Past Grand Certificate.

Sec. 201B.—This is a new section enacted to provide for the supply of a form of Past Chief Patriarch Certificate.

Sec. 201C.—This is a new section enacted to provide for the supply of a form of Past Noble Grand Certificate.

Sec. 254.—This section is amended so as to strike out its provisions for the use of the name of "Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada" as that Organization has become a mutual insurance company and is no longer confined to or identified with Odd Fellows alone.

Sec. 254½.—This section is amended so as to extend its provisions to Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Sec. 364.—This Section is amended by adding a proviso to the effect that when a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall satisfy the Grand Sire that convenience or necessity makes it proper for said Subordinate to be attached to another jurisdiction the Grand Sire may order the transfer when and if the consent of both jurisdictions concerned has been obtained.

Sec. 506.—This section of the Code is amended so as to make it unlawful for any Grand Body to exempt its subordinates from the payment of per capita or home tax upon their non-beneficial members.

Sec. 640A.—This is a new section enacted to make provision for a Past Grand Combination Jewel and Charm.

Sec. 640B.—This is a new section to provide for a Past Chief Patriarch Combination Jewel and Charm.

Sec. 805½.—This is a new section which provides that Subordinate Lodges or Encampments after obtaining dispensations from the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch, as the case may be, may hold special open gatherings or meetings of members of the Order and their families under the auspices of the Order on any day of the week, including Sunday, but before any such meeting or meetings may be held on Sunday, certain definite and prescribed regulations must be complied with.

Sec. 815½.—This is a new enactment authorizing Grand Encampments to permit subordinate encampments to hold special meetings for conferring degrees at neighbouring places or towns within the jurisdiction of the local encampment.

Sec. 937.—This is a new enactment to extend to Past Noble Grands of Rebekah Lodges the same right to organize Past Noble Grands' Associations as have been enjoyed by Past Grands and Past Chief Patriarchs to form associations in the past.

Sec. 1023A.—This section, which is new, has reference to the interpretation or construction placed upon laws of the Order by the Grand Sire from time to time.

The following amendments to the Code become operative and effective only after action being taken by Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

Sec. 505.—This section of the Code is so amended as to permit of Grand Bodies making provision by appropriate legislation for the admission of applicants 18 years of age, or over, into non-beneficial membership by initiation.

Sec. 807.—Sec. 807 of the Code as it stood is repealed, and a new section is enacted under which it is provided that Grand Bodies may, by appropriate legislation, permit their subordinates to dispense with regular meetings for a period not to exceed two months in any year.

Junior Lodges or Juvenile Branch

The Juvenile Branch will now be an established fact. In 1923 a bill was passed by Sovereign Grand Lodge providing for the creation and establishment of a Junior Branch, subject to the adoption of a suitable ritual, and certain rules and regulations for governing this branch were later presented and adopted. At last year's session the Grand Sire was authorized to appoint a special committee to prepare and submit a ritual for the Junior Lodges and at the session just closed this ritual was presented, approved and adopted. Prior to the adoption of the ritual, however, a number of important changes were made in the Code providing for and regulating the Junior Lodges. One of these changes was to place the Junior Lodges under the jurisdiction and control of the respective Grand Lodges in jurisdictions where the Junior Lodges may be established. Another important provision is that no Junior Lodge shall be instituted in the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge until said Grand Lodge shall have adopted a resolution authorizing the establishment of Junior Lodges within its jurisdiction, and pledging itself to foster and support them. It will thus be noted that no Junior Lodges can be instituted in a jurisdiction where the Grand Lodge is not wholeheartedly in favour of the proposition and has approved it.

Life Membership

A new section, to be known as 501½ of the Code of General Laws has been enacted to make provision for Life Membership, and setting forth in detail all necessary laws, rules and regulations to govern same. Space will not permit of quoting this section in detail but it is definitely provided that the plan or scheme for Life Membership shall not become operative in any jurisdiction until adopted by the Grand Bodies thereof.

Proposals Submitted but not Approved

The following proposals for amendments to the Code of General Laws or for other action by Sovereign Grand Lodge were submitted by Resolutions or Bills, but not adopted or approved:

To add to Sec. 2 of the Code a proviso for loaning lodge funds to sick or disabled members. (Adverse report.)

To amend Sec. 205 of the Code to permit Third Degree members and Royal Purple Degree members to attend Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments. (Bill withdrawn.)

To amend Sec. 206 of the Code so as to authorize Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments to confer Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment Degrees upon Third Degree members and Royal Purple Degree members of another jurisdiction. (Adverse report.)

To amend Sec. 207 of the Code to provide for the conferring of Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment Degree upon Third Degree members belonging to subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of Sovereign Grand Lodge. (Bill withdrawn.)

To amend Sec. 425 of the Code so as to permit Third Degree members and Royal Purple Degree members to visit Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments. (Bill withdrawn.)

To amend Sec. 34 of Rebekah Code so as to permit any member in good standing to receive the Rebekah Assembly Degree (Bill withdrawn.)

To amend Sec. 755 of the Code so as to permit of Third Degree members and Royal Purple Degree members attending Sovereign Grand Lodge. (Bill withdrawn.)

To amend Sec. 620A of the Code to provide for a Past Grand Representative Lapel Button. (Adverse report.)

To amend Sec. 3, Article 9, of Laws and Ceremonies for Ladies' Auxiliaries to provide that members of the L.A. may wear the regulation P.M. Badge. (adverse report.)

To amend several sections of the P.M. Code re qualifications for membership in the Patriarchs Militant Branch, and providing that Third Degree members, in good standing, might join. (Adverse report.)

To repeal Sections 486, 486a, 487, 487a and 490; to change 489 to 486 and to amend 485 to provide that suspension for non-payment of dues or resignation from a Subordinate Lodge shall not terminate membership in an Encampment. (Adverse report.)

To repeal Sec. 23 of the P.M. Code and to enact a new section providing that resignation or suspension from a Subordinate Lodge or encampment shall not affect membership in a Canon. (Adverse report.)

To amend Sec. 6, Subdivision 2 of Rebekah Code to provide that suspension or resignation from a Subordinate Lodge shall not terminate membership in a Rebekah Lodge. (Adverse report.)

To repeal Sections 566 and 566a of the Code re effect of restoration by subordinates on membership in other branches. (Adverse action.)

To amend Sections 495 and 501 to provide for dual membership. (Adverse report.) See further note re Dual Membership.

To amend Sec. 621 of the Code re distribution of Veteran Jewels (Favourable report from Committee on Legislation, but adverse action by Sovereign Grand Lodge.)

To amend Sec. 273 of the Code to provide for cancellation or remission of a portion of arrearages to restore a member to good standing (Report favourable by Committee on Legislation, but adverse action by Sovereign Grand Lodge.)

To amend Sections 546 and 547 of the Code to alter conditions under which members in arrears may be suspended for non-payment of dues. (Adverse report.)

To provide for the offices of Warden and Conductor being elective rather than appointive. (Adverse report.)

To amend Sec. 298 of the Code so as to provide for the admission of orphans or half-orphans, discharged from our Homes, without payment of any admission fees. (Adverse report.)

To repeal Sec. 825 of the Code which prohibits smoking in Lodge rooms. (Adverse report).

A proposal to furnish a form of dedication for public buildings was not approved.

The issue of official certificates in card form as provided for last year was reported by the Committee in Printing Supplies as being impracticable.

A proposal to purchase 1,500 copies of I.O.O.F. Guide issued by Dr. Windrow, of Chicago, at \$1.00 per copy was not approved.

Special Notes

An annual appropriation of \$2,000.00 for the General Military Council has been approved.

An appropriation of \$2,000.00 was voted for the expenses of the Deputy Grand Sire during the year.

The sum of \$3,500.00 was appropriated for the Grand Sire to provide for the expenses of Special Deputy Grand Sires in connection with conference work, etc.

The sum of \$3,000.00 is appropriated for necessary expenses in connection with the Advisory Committee and the Research Committee.

The sum of \$250.00 was voted to provide for the purchase of a life size oil painting of the retiring Grand Sire.

The question of the possibility of providing a moving picture scheme for degree work was referred back to the Special Committee to report later.

A permanent identification badge is to be provided for the use of Grand Representatives in attendance at Sovereign Grand Lodge sessions.

The special Committee on Survey of Procedure and Work of Sovereign Grand Lodge is continued and required to report at the next session.

A special committee of five is to be appointed to consider and report upon the question of dual membership in the Order, and the advisability of enacting appropriate legislation in connection therewith.

A special committee of three is to be appointed to inquire into the advisability of establishing a Girls' Junior Branch, and to provide a Code and ritual for same.

The Grand Secretary is directed to omit from the Journal of Proceedings all correspondence from Grand Secretaries, Grand Scribes and Assembly Secretaries, as heretofore printed in the preliminary reports and in the Journal, and hereafter all such correspondence is to be omitted from printed reports and journals.

Our Book of Forms has been brought up to date and the Grand Secretary is directed to include in the next issue all material now found therein together with a copy of the Flag Ceremony and of the Joint Public Installation Ceremony for Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges.

The special committee appointed to consider the revision of the Subordinate and Rebekah floor work reported back that in the opinion of its members it would be inadvisable to have a new issue of the floor work provided at this time.

Our newly-elected Deputy Grand Sire, Bro. C. D. Rinehart, of Florida, having been a member of Sovereign Grand Lodge for 33 years, serving on the Committee of Judiciary for 30 years, and for 17 years as its chairman, a resolution of appreciation was submitted by members of the committee and unanimously adopted by Sovereign Grand Lodge.

A Past Grand Sire's Jewel was presented, on behalf of Sovereign Grand Lodge, to Bro. Frank Martin, our retiring Grand Sire, by Bro. J. B. Cockrum, our Senior Past Grand Sire.

As will be seen from previous pages of this report the Fraternal Press was very highly commended by the Grand Sire and other Sovereign Grand Lodge officers, and was enthusiastically endorsed by Sovereign Grand Lodge. The usual appropriation was made to such journals and publications as are recognized by the International Fraternal Press Association.

The Educational Foundation was highly commended by Grand Sire Martin, as well as by the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, reporting upon the work of the Foundation. The detailed report of the Foundation will appear in the printed Journal.

Through the report of the Committee on State of the Order, unanimously adopted by Sovereign Grand Lodge, the circular letter commend-ed to all subordinate bodies for special consideration and attention. The circular letter referred to is printed in earlier pages of this report.

An interchange of visits between officials of Sovereign Grand Lodge and of Quasi Independent Jurisdictions is strongly recommended.

The scheme of conferences inaugurated by Past Grand Sire Merrill and continued by Grand Sire Martin was unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed by Sovereign Grand Lodge. See report of Special Committee of seven.

The regular mileage and per diem allowance for the session amounted to \$47,050.91 which was \$4,798.79 more than for the session of 1928 and \$6,620.06 more than for 1927.

The Special Committee appointed a year ago to prepare a booklet or pamphlet descriptive of the Order, its aims and objects, reported progress and is continued for the completion of the work.

The Grand Secretary's report contains a mass of information and statistical details regarding the Homes of the Order. We have no less than 65 of these in 50 jurisdictions of this continent, while funds are being accumulated in some others for the purpose. The annual cost of maintenance of these Homes is \$2,047,632.00 and we have endowment funds in connection with them amounting to \$3,265,040.00. Those admitted since the establishment of the Homes number 26,714.

Important Questions Discussed

Two hours on Monday afternoon and two hours on Wednesday afternoon were devoted to the discussion of the following topics:

1. What are the real and peculiar principles of Odd Fellowship? (The discussion was led by Deputy Grand Sire Logan.)
2. How shall we give practical expression to these principles? (The discussion was led by Past Grand Sire Eastin.)
3. How can we broaden and extend the sphere of our influence and usefulness, either by admission of new members or by other means? (The discussion was led by Grand Representative Hibbert.)
4. How can The Sovereign Grand Lodge best assist the several jurisdictions in the promotion and the development of the Order and its interests? (The discussion was led by Past Grand Sire Merrill.)

Place of Meeting

After a careful canvass of the whole situation the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, was chosen as the place of meeting for 1930. In this connection a permanent committee of three, consisting of the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, has been set up whose duty it will be to receive invitations, to inquire into all details and to recommend at each annual session one or more suitable places for the next annual session.

Greetings

Through special committees appointed for the purpose, greetings were exchanged between Sovereign Grand Lodge and the General Military Council and Association of Rebekah Assemblies.

Greetings were received from Mrs. Campbell, of London, and Mrs. Oliver, of Toronto, widows of two of our late Grand Sires, and were replied to.

A telegram of greetings from the Manchester Unity, I.O.O.F., of England, was received and suitably acknowledged.

Constitutional Amendment Proposed

Notice was given of a proposed amendment to Article X, Sec. 1, of the Constitution of Sovereign Grand Lodge to provide that Past Grand Sires shall have all rights, privileges and perquisites of Grand Representatives.

Canadians Entertained

On Thursday evening all representatives and friends from Canada were entertained at dinner by Bro. J. V. Cossaboom, a former member of the Order in Nova Scotia, and later a resident of the City of Toronto, Ontario. The occasion was a very delightful one and the forty odd

guests of the evening were very appreciative of and grateful for the generous hospitality extended by Bro. Cossaboom.

Officers in Attendance

All officers of Sovereign Grand Lodge and all Past Grand Sires were in attendance at the session.

Just after the opening of the session, Bro. Oliver C. Black, Grand Marshal, resigned from that position and Bro. E. E. Quimby, of New Hampshire, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Sessional Appointments

Official Reporter A. E. Gipson, P.G.R., of Idaho, (Reappointed); Assistant Grand Messengers F. D. Gray, P.G.R., of Saskatchewan and George W. Backus, P.G.M., of Texas; Assistant Grand Guardians, William Wills, P.G.R., of Kansas; C. O. Jacobs, P.G.M., of Alabama; F. A. Rogers, P.G.R., of Michigan (Reappointed) and F. W. Bradley, P.G.R., of Texas; Custodian of the Secret Work, Frank Lenhart, P.G.R., of Minnesota; Journal Clerk, Will J. Russell, P.G.R., of Kansas (Reappointed); Reading Clerk, H. C. Curran, P.G., of Kentucky (Reappointed); Mailing Clerk, Ben Weidle, P.G.R., of Missouri; Keeper of Past Grand Representatives' Register, George P. Bornwasser, P.G.R., of Indiana (Re-appointed).

Officers Elected and Appointed

Bro. M. M. Logan, of Kentucky, was unanimously elected as Grand Sire. For the office of Deputy Grand Sire the names of Bro. Rinehart, of Florida, Bro. Jackson, of Kansas, Bro. Andrews, of Oklahoma, and Bro. Pittinger, of Minnesota, were put in nomination. On the ballot taken Bro. Rinehart just failed to be elected by three votes. The other three candidates thereupon withdrew from the contest and Bro. Rinehart was made the unanimous choice. Bro. L. Edw. Kroh, of Maryland, was unanimously elected Grand Secretary and Bro. Wm. H. Cox, of Kentucky, was unanimously elected Grand Treasurer.

Appointed Officers: Rev. W. C. Smalley, P.G.R., of Manitoba, was reappointed Grand Chaplain; Bro. Arthur J. Reed, of Kentucky, was appointed Grand Marshal; Bro. Harry A. Collins, of Missouri, was re-appointed Grand Guardian; Bro. Fred C. Rumsey, of Washington, was appointed Grand Messenger; Bro. Edgar B. Pohlman, of Maryland, was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary, and General Fred H. A. Hahn, of Ohio, was appointed General Commanding.

Other Appointments

Bros. Emerson, of New Hampshire; Yantis, of Illinois, and Pope, of Pennsylvania, were appointed as the Committee on Printing Supplies.

Reps. Avery, of Pennsylvania, and Gwynn, of Idaho, were appointed on the Sub-Committee on Finance.

Reps. Hersham, of Indiana; Lindsay, of Georgia; Pittinger, of Minnesota, and Brooks, of Ontario, were reappointed on the Advisory Committee.

At a later meeting of the Advisory Committee Past Grand Sire Merrill, of Maine; Grand Representative Hersham, of Indiana, and Grand Representative Brooks, of Ontario, were selected as members of the Research Committee.

Bro. Wm. McDonald, of Montréal, Que., was appointed Trustee of the Educational Foundation for a three year term.

New Officers of Press Association

President E. L. Smith, of Seattle, Wash.; Vice-President, Miss Flora Sheets, Chicago, Ill.; Secretary, E. M. Glass, Lexington, Ky.; Treasurer, F. L. Lenhart, Minneapolis, Minn.

A. R. A. Officers

President, Mrs. Bertha A. Willis, of Kansas; Vice-President, Mrs. Amelia E. Blank, of Texas; Secretary, Mrs. Josie Morrow, of Florida; Treasurer, Miss Minnie Bachtel, of Ohio; Marshal, Mrs. Sadie V. Holmes, of Kansas; Chaplain, Mrs. Hattie V. Hoagland, of Nebraska; Guardian, Mrs. Reverta Volland, of District of Columbia.

Your representatives were given the following committee appointments for the session:—

Committee on Returns ----- A. E. May, Chairman
Committee on Correspondence ----- Alex. D. Campbell

Conclusion

We greatly appreciate the opportunity afforded us to serve as representatives of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F. It was a pleasure to us to be in constant attendance at all sessions and to give such service on our respective committees as circumstances demanded. Under the new rules of order our votes on the various propositions before the Sovereign Body will not be recorded in the Journal and as a consequence you will not be able to ascertain the position taken by us on the several reports presented. In some instances we were with the majority when affirmative action was taken by Sovereign Grand Lodge, while in other cases we were with the minority in supporting proposals upon which the Body took adverse action. In all cases, however, we used our best judgment, as we believe you would wish us to do, in the service of our own jurisdiction as well as of the Order as a whole. We are of opinion that this year's session was quite different from any other that we have had in recent years. There was an apparent co-ordination of effort and sympathetic co-operation resulting in an atmosphere of cheerfulness, optimism and progressiveness. Arising, we believe, out of the conference scheme of the last two years there was an apparent desire on the part of all representatives to contribute their share in the formulation of plans and policies for the immediate and continued prosperity of the Order. It is for this reason that we are giving you a somewhat more extended report than usual. It is our hope that the contents of this report may be carefully read, considered and discussed in all Lodges of the jurisdiction during our current Grand Lodge year with distinct advantage of all concerned. It is our further hope that our representation on your behalf, and this report, will meet with your approval. We have made a sincere effort to merit and prove worthy of the confidence reposed in us.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

A. E. MAY,

ALEX. D. CAMPBELL,

Grand Representatives.

Edmonton, Alberta,
Dec. 31, 1929.

Reports of Fraternal Delegates

Walsh, Alta.,
July 29, 1929

To The Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F.
Brethren:

As Fraternal Delegate from this Jurisdiction, it was my pleasure and privilege to attend the Sessions of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, held in the city of Kamloops, on June 12th and 13th, 1929.

Grand Lodge opened at 9 a.m. June 12th, when in company with Bro. A. C. Woodard, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Encampment of Alberta, I was introduced by Past Grand Masters Merrithew and Johnston, and welcomed by the Grand Master, Bro. J. T. McDonald.

During my stay I conveyed the greetings of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of British Columbia. I also officiated, in company with Bro. A. E. May, P.G.M., as teller in the election of officers, and as installing officer, as well as being accorded the honor of presenting a Past Master's Jewel to Bro. McDonald.

Wednesday evening, Oddfellows and Rebekahs to the number of five hundred, paraded to the Cenotaph, where a wreath was deposited and address delivered by the Grand Master, in memory of the members of our Order who had paid the supreme sacrifice in the Great War. Thursday evening, in the Municipal Arena, the Degree of Chivalry was conferred before an audience of fifteen hundred people.

British Columbia, with 63 Subordinate Lodges, has a membership of 8,250, a net gain of 24 for the year. This is the smallest gain made for the past ten years, the ten year average being 207. The following statistics may be of interest:

	1927	1928
Initiations -----	420	354
Reinstatements -----	14	14
Suspended for N.P.D. -----	176	293
Total Receipts -----	\$155,608.16	\$156,263.32
Total paid for Relief -----	\$ 53,881.46	\$ 56,501.07

The Home Fund as at April 30th, 1929, totalled \$87,050.98, the income from which is being administered for the support of those who would be eligible for admission to a home were there one in the Jurisdiction. Last year the expenditures on this account were \$3,219.67.

Per Capita Tax was increased from \$1.50 to \$1.60 per member, \$1.00 for Grand Lodge purposes, 50c. for Home Fund Capital Account and 10c. for Home Fund Operating Account. The maximum representation from a Subordinate Lodge is two members, and only the accredited representatives for the current year are entitled to vote, except for election of officers.

The following are the elective and appointive officers for the ensuing year:

Grand Master -----	E. G. Cavalsky
Deputy Grand Master -----	J. C. Brown
Grand Warden -----	E. E. Elliott

Grand Secretary	E. L. Webber
Grand Treasurer	F. Clarke
Grand Marshal	W. T. Choate
Grand Conductor	W. H. Houston
Grand Chaplain	Rev. W. P. Bunt
Grand Guardian	P. McNiven
Grand Herald	T. A. Walden

During my stay I was accorded every courtesy, both by the members of Grand Lodge and members of the Order in Kamloops, to whom I wish to extend my thanks for their many kindnesses. I also wish to record my appreciation of the privilege you granted me in appointing me as your Fraternal Delegate.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

M. S. SCHRODER,
Grand Master.

Lethbridge, Alta., January 7th, 1930.

To the Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F.
Brothers:

At the request of the Grand Master it was my privilege and pleasure to represent this Grand Lodge at the 46th Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, held in Winnipeg on March 13th and 14th, and also a Special Session held March 12th. It was also my privilege to visit the Rebekah Assembly of Manitoba while in Session.

As your delegate I was most kindly received by both the Grand Lodge and the Rebekah Assembly, and to the best of my limited ability I endeavoured to convey to the membership of Manitoba your greetings and good wishes. Both the Grand Master and the President of the Rebekah Assembly asked me to re-convey to you in Alberta, their heartiest good wishes for continued success and prosperity in the work of our beloved Order.

With regard to the State of the Order in Manitoba, their report shows a gain of one Subordinate Lodge, while their total membership shows a loss of 28 members. The Assembly shows a loss of one Rebekah Lodge but a net gain of six members.

The following were the Fraternal Delegates from other Jurisdictions:

- A. G. Corscadden, D.G. Master, Ontario.
- H. A. Green, D.G. Master, Saskatchewan.
- B. A. Fahl, Grand Secretary, North Dakota.
- W. A. Pittenger, Special Deputy Grand Sire, Minnesota.

It was my privilege to be one of the scrutineers at the election of Officers, which resulted as follows:

- Grand Master, H. C. Morrison, Winnipeg.
- Deputy Grand Master, W. T. Fuller, Transcona.
- Grand Warden, W. J. Ruston, Treherne.
- Grand Secretary, Robt. Duff, Winnipeg.
- Grand Treasurer, Mark A. Woods, Winnipeg.
- Grand Representatives, W. H. Burns and J. W. Morley.

On Wednesday evening the Grand Master elect arranged a luncheon and conference for the incoming Officers and District Deputies. Many topics were discussed and plans and a general understanding for the programme for the year was arranged. Immediately after the Installation

of Officers the District Deputies were conducted to the centre of the hall and introduced, and were then invested with their collars by the Grand Master.

To your delegate it would seem that these are things that would be of benefit through the year as the conference brings the Grand Master in personal touch with his District Deputies, and investing them with their collars in Grand Lodge cannot help but add dignity to the office.

During the week I had the pleasure of visiting the I.O.O.F. Home at Charleswood, which is a great credit to the Oddfellows and Rebekahs of that Jurisdiction.

On Friday forenoon I attended a conference held by W. A. Pittenger, Special Deputy Grand Sire, and in the evening I attended a regular meeting of Manitoba Lodge, No. 1.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation to the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba for their courtesy and kindness to me and also to our Grand Master Bro. Schroder for appointing me as Fraternal Delegate to that Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

R. B. MORDEN.

Calgary, Alberta, June 17th, 1929.

To the Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F.

Brethren:

At the request of our Grand Master it was my privilege and extreme pleasure to attend the Annual Sessions of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, which were held in the City of Yorkton, on Wednesday and Thursday, June 12th and 13th, 1929.

My arrival, at 9.30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, was just too late to be present at the opening function, which consisted of addresses of welcome to the visiting Representatives and Delegates, by Mr. Robert Barbour, Deputy Mayor of Yorkton; Mr. Alfred Friday, President of the Yorkton Board of Trade; Bro. Albert Kemp, Noble Grand of Yorkton Lodge, No. 9; and Sister Mrs. A. C. Clarke, Noble Grand of Northern Star Rebekah Lodge, No. 40, Yorkton.

These being fittingly responded to by Sister Mary Greenaway, President of the Rebekah Assembly; Bro. Hugh Taylor, Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment and Bro. H. D. Pickett, Grand Master.

The Fraternal Delegates were three in number and were as follows:

Brother E. C. Rennie, Grand Master of Ontario.

Brother W. W. Fuller, Deputy G. M. of Manitoba.

Brother D. F. Christie, Grand Warden of Alberta.

On Wednesday morning we were received in the Grand Lodge Session and given a hearty welcome on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan by Bro. H. D. Pickett, Grand Master.

On Wednesday afternoon we were escorted by Bro. A. C. Burley, P.G.M. and Bro. F. S. Reynolds, P.G.M., on a visit to the Rebekah Assembly, then in Session, and it was my privilege to convey the fraternal greetings from our jurisdiction to the Sisters of the Rebekah Assembly of Saskatchewan.

The Sessions of these Grand Bodies being held in the month of June, offer certain opportunities that are not available or feasable to our

February Sessions, not the least of which was the conferring of the Decoration of Chivalry in the open air in front of the grand stand at the exhibition grounds on Wednesday evening.

Three sisters received the Decoration namely: Sister Blenkhorn, Sister Carson, of Regina and Sister Swift of Indian Head.

On Thursday morning the first order of business was the Election of Officers and it was my privilege, together with Bro. W. W. Fuller, D.G.M. of Manitoba and Bro. A. L. Simpson of Manitoba, to act as scrutineers of the ballot, which resulted as follows:

Grand Master, Bro. Hugh Green, Watson, Sask.
Deputy Grand Master, Bro. John Bell, Vanguard, Sask.
Grand Warden, Bro. M. A. Fletcher, Colgate, Sask.
Grand Secretary, Bro. F. D. Gray, Regina, Sask.
Grand Treasurer, Bro. H. E. Armstrong, P.G.M., Regina, Sask.
Grand Representative Bro. H. D. Pickett, P.G.M., Moose Jaw, Sask.
Home Fund Trustees, for 3 years, Bro. J. M. Clarke, Yorkton, and
Bro. E. C. Cumming, Weyburn, Sask.

On Thursday afternoon it was my pleasant privilege to address the Grand Lodge and extend the fraternal greetings on behalf of the Jurisdiction of Alberta, as did also my companion Bro. Fuller of Manitoba, Bro. Rennie, G.M. of Ontario, having given his greetings on Wednesday and left on Wednesday evening so as to get home to his own Grand Lodge Sessions.

On Thursday we had a further pleasant duty given us to perform namely: that of presenting jewels to P.G.M., Bro. Pickett, and to Bro. Gray, P.G.R. Bro. Fuller presenting the P.G.M.'s jewel to Bro. H. D. Pickett, in a few well chosen words and your humble servant doing the honors by presenting Bro. Fred Gray with a Past Grand Representative's Jewel.

The Installation of Officers was conducted by Bro. H. E. Turner, P.G.M., P.G.R.; of Manitoba, assisted by your Delegate acting as Grand Marshall

During the Sessions eighty-eight Past Grands received the G.L. Degree and were welcomed to seats in the Grand Lodge.

The Sessions of this Grand Lodge were interesting and instructive and it is the hope of your Fraternal Delegate that this custom of sending and receiving such delegates will continue, as same should be of benefit to the Order generally.

The great disappointment of the Session was the fact that Bro. Lucian J. Eastin, Past Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, who was to have been presented and given an address was unable to be present.

The Grand Lodge Sessions are to be held in the City of Moose Jaw next year.

Great credit is due to the Citizens of Yorkton, to the members of Yorkton Lodge, No. 9, and to the members of Northern Star Rebekah Lodge, No. 40, I.O.O.F., of Yorkton, for the splendid manner in which the visitors to the different sessions were received and entertained during their stay in Yorkton.

Among the appointed officers installed into office for the ensuing year was Bro. A. L. Morden of Redvers, Sask., a Brother of our Deputy Grand Master. He was installed into the office of Grand Guardian.

In conclusion I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to our Grand Master for the privilege of conveying the Fraternal Greetings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta to our Sister Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

D. F. CHRISTIE,
Grand Warden,
Fraternal Delegate.

Grand Treasurer's Report

To the Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F.

Brothers:

I herewith submit for your consideration my Annual Report of the year ending December 31st, 1929, trusting the same will meet with your approval.

Fraternally yours,

G. W. HENDERSON,
Grand Treasurer.

GENERAL FUND—CURRENT ACCOUNT

December 31st, 1929

Cash Receipts.

1929		Bank Balance December 31st, 1928	\$	2,802.18
January	11	Cash from Grand Secretary		203.49
"	14	Cash from Grand Secretary		618.89
"	17	Cash from Grand Secretary		328.55
"	19	Cash from Grand Secretary		379.00
"	19	Cash from Grand Secretary		772.35
"	22	Cash from Grand Secretary		538.50
"	24	Cash from Grand Secretary		278.70
"	31	Cash from Grand Secretary		375.57
February	4	Cash from Grand Secretary		127.69
"	4	Credit from Temple Acct. Charge		40.00
"	12	Cash from Grand Secretary		464.75
"	13	Cash from Grand Secretary		397.60
"	16	Cash from Grand Secretary		370.15
"	25	Cash from Grand Secretary		261.00
"	28	Cash from Grand Secretary		125.05
March	8	Cash from Grand Secretary		136.08
"	16	Cash from Grand Secretary		96.75
"	23	Cash from Grand Secretary		49.82
"	28	Cash from Grand Secretary		26.10
April	6	Cash from Grand Secretary		60.70
"	17	Cash from Grand Secretary		58.60
"	30	Cash from Grand Secretary		125.23
May	18	Cash from Grand Secretary		53.55
"	31	Cash from Grand Secretary		62.19
June	20	Cash from Grand Secretary		78.24
July	6	Cash from Grand Secretary		102.15
"	13	Cash from Grand Secretary		189.10
"	15	Cash from Grand Secretary		463.10
"	17	Cash from Grand Secretary		300.32
"	20	Cash from Grand Secretary		565.75
"	26	Cash from Grand Secretary		311.63
"	31	Cash from Grand Secretary		269.69

August	3	Cash from Grand Secretary	103.95
"	6	Cash from Grand Secretary	248.75
"	13	Cash from Grand Secretary	107.20
"	14	Cash from Grand Secretary	148.35
"	16	Cash from Grand Secretary	115.45
"	21	Cash from Grand Secretary	157.30
"	24	Cash from Grand Secretary	76.80
"	31	Cash from Grand Secretary	89.90
September	5	Cash from Grand Secretary	129.65
"	6	Cash from Grand Secretary	80.00
"	10	Cash from Grand Secretary	131.66
"	11	Cash from Grand Secretary	10.00
26	26	Cash from Grand Secretary	159.13
"	30	Cash from Grand Secretary	18.10
October	12	Cash from Grand Secretary	109.70
"	19	Cash from Grand Secretary	122.50
"	31	Cash from Grand Secretary	88.35
November	8	Cash from Grand Secretary	109.50
"	30	Cash from Grand Secretary	132.05
December	2	Cash from Grand Secretary	120.00
"	6	Cash from Grand Secretary	197.12
"	14	Cash from Grand Secretary	193.22
"	31	Cash from Grand Secretary	71.50

\$ 13,813.25

Disbursements

January	2	No. 3929	O. E. Tisdale	\$ 150.00
"	2	" 3930	O. E. Tisdale	24.10
"	11	" 3931	O. E. Tisdale (duty)	14.60
"	11	" 3932	Alberta Government Telephones	7.30
"	14	" 3933	Alberta Odd Fellows' Temple	30.00
"	14	" 3934	Draft on Toronto	24.21
"	14	" 3935	Henry Birks & Sons	5.45
"	14	" 3936	I. D. McAra	81.01
"	14	" 3937	West Keith Ltd.	45.75
"	18	" 3938	William Ireland	10.00
"	19	" 3939	Draft on Toronto	666.45
"	22	" 3940	Collector of Customs	16.16
"	19-23	" 3941	Temple Account in error	40.00
February	1	" 3942	O. E. Tisdale	46.98
"	1	" 3943	O. E. Tisdale	150.00
"	5	" 3943	Sovereign Grand Lodge	23.45
"	15	" 3944	Alberta Odd Fellows' Temple	30.00
"	15	" 3945	Alberta Government Telephones	7.40
"	15	" 3946	Neilson Furniture Co.	24.75
"	15	" 3947	West Keith Ltd.	7.50
"	15	" 3948	West Printing Co., Ltd.	18.54
"	15	" 3949	Henry Birks & Sons Ltd.	8.35
"	15	" 3950	Draft on Toronto	190.55
"	22	" 3951	Mileage Per Diem	2,500.00
"	23	" 3952	Hotel Palliser	29.10
"	23	" 3953	J. W. Teffer	35.65
"	27	" 3954	J. D. McAra	350.00
March	1	" 3955	O. E. Tisdale	29.06
"	1	" 3956	O. E. Tisdale	150.00
"	15	" 3957	Alberta Odd Fellows' Temple	30.00
"	15	" 3958	Alberta Government Telephones	6.25
"	15	" 3959	Alex. D. Campbell	4.50

March	15	"	3960	M. S. Schroder	14.20
"	15	"	3961	D. Elliot	28.00
"	15	"	3962	J. H. Dickenson	6.50
"	15	"	3963	Henry Birks & Sons	70.00
"	15	"	3964	Henry Birks & Sons	20.00
"	15	"	3965	West Printing Co.	8.19
"	15	"	3966	West Keith Ltd.	18.60
"	15	"	3967	Remington Typewriter	25.00
"	15	"	3968	D. F. Christie	245.08
"	15	"	3969	Alberta Odd Fellow	100.00
"	15	"	3970	J. D. McAra	42.49
"	28	"	3971	Collections of Customs	11.31
April	1	"	3972	O. E. Tisdale	150.00
"	1	"	3973	O. E. Tisdale	36.97
"	4	"	3974	R. A. Parker	50.00
"	15	"	3975	Sovereign Grand Lodge	150.00
"	15	"	3976	Alberta Government Telephones	8.10
"	15	"	3977	Alberta Odd Fellows' Temple	30.00
"	15	"	3978	Henry Birks & Sons	7.15
"	15	"	3979	West Keith Ltd.	1.60
"	15	"	3980	J. D. McAra	15.81
"	15	"	3981	Sovereign Grand Lodge	144.48
"	22	"	3982	R. A. Parker	50.00
May	1	"	3983	O. E. Tisdale	150.00
"	1	"	3984	O. E. Tisdale	24.54
"	2	"	3985	R. A. Parker	150.00
"	6	"	3986	A. E. May	21.75
"	6	"	3987	Alex. D. Campbell	20.75
"	6	"	3988	Bruce Morden	70.55
"	10	"	3989	R. A. Parker	100.00
"	15	"	3990	Alberta Government Telephones	6.25
"	15	"	3991	Alberta Odd Fellows' Temple	30.00
"	15	"	3992	Atlas Ins. Co.	11.40
"	15	"	3993	West Printing Co.	34.68
"	15	"	3994	J. H. Dickenson	2.00
"	15	"	3995	Henry Birks & Sons	37.75
"	15	"	3996	Draft on Toronto	54.75
"	15	"	3997	J. D. McAra	321.16
"	17	"	3998	M. S. Schroder	100.00
June	1	"	3999	R. A. Parker	150.00
"	1	"	4000	O. E. Tisdale	150.00
"	1	"	4001	O. E. Tisdale	28.55
"	1	"	4002	R. A. Parker	100.00
"	7	"	4003	D. F. Christie	75.00
"	15	"	4004	Alberta Government Telephones	7.80
"	15	"	4005	Alberta Odd Fellows' Temple	30.00
"	15	"	4006	Henry Birks & Sons	9.65
"	15	"	4007	J. D. McAra Ltd.	21.42
"	20	"	4008	G. W. Henderson	50.00
July	1	"	4009	O. E. Tisdale	150.00
"	1	"	4010	O. E. Tisdale	20.75
"	5	"	4011	M. S. Schroder	197.57
"	6	"	4012	R. A. Parker	150.00
"	6	"	4013	R. A. Parker	100.00
"	11	"	4014	Alex. D. Campbell	14.00
"	11	"	4015	B. Morden	8.60
"	12	"	4016	Hotel Palliser	13.00
"	15	"	4017	Alberta Government Telephones	7.35

July	15	"	4018	Alberta Odd Fellows' Temple	30.00
"	15	"	4019	J. D. McAra	132.60
"	15	"	4020	Draft on Toronto	108.00
"	15	"	4021	Henry Birks & Sons	4.95
"	20	"	4022	R. A. Parker	50.00
"	25	"		Back Charge	1.15
August	1	"	4023	O. E. Tisdale	150.00
"	1	"	4024	O. E. Tisdale	25.09
"	1	"	4025	R. A. Parker	150.00
"	1	"	4026	A. B. Ballantyne	100.00
"	10	"	4027	R. A. Parker	100.00
"	15	"	4028	Alberta Government Telephones	6.70
"	15	"	4029	Alberta Odd Fellows' Temple	30.00
"	15	"	4030	Henry Birks & Sons	20.00
"	15	"	4031	West Keith Ltd.	3.80
"	15	"	4032	J. D. McAra	66.30
"	24	"	4033	R. A. Parker	50.00
"	5	"		Charged Back	1.15
"	20	"		Charged In Error Temple Account	50.00
August	20	"		Charged Back	25.85
"	30	"		Charged in error Temple Account	30.00
Sept.	3	"	4034	O. E. Tisdale	20.70
"	3	"	4035	O. E. Tisdale	150.00
"	5	"	4036	R. A. Parker	150.00
"	7	"	4037	R. A. Parker	100.00
"	9	"	4038	Alberta Odd Fellows' Temple	30.00
"	9	"	4039	Alberta Government Telephones	7.35
"	9	"	4040	Henry Birks & Sons	4.75
"	9	"	4041	G. W. Henderson	100.00
"	9	"	4042	O. E. Tisdale	300.00
"	30	"	4043	R. A. Parker	100.00
"	11	"		Charged in error Temple Account	10.00
October	1	"	4044	O. E. Tisdale	10.94
"	1	"	4045	O. E. Tisdale	150.00
"	4	"	4046	R. A. Parker	150.00
"	15	"	4047	Alberta Government Telephones	6.55
"	15	"	4048	Alberta Odd Fellows' Temple	30.00
"	15	"	4049	Draft on Toronto	108.00
"	15	"	4050	J. D. McAra	8.42
"	15	"	4051	Henry Birks & Sons	2.50
"	18	"	4052	R. A. Parker	50.00
November	1	"	4053	O. E. Tisdale	150.00
"	1	"	4054	O. E. Tisdale	22.19
"	1	"	4055	R. A. Parker	150.00
"	1	"	4056	R. A. Parker	100.00
"	4	"	4057	M. S. Schroder	220.10
"	15	"	4058	Alberta Government Telephones	7.50
"	15	"	4059	Alberta Odd Fellows' Temple	30.00
"	15	"	4060	Alberta Odd Fellow	24.48
"	15	"	4061	West Keith	3.45
"	15	"	4062	West Printing Co., Ltd.	44.88
"	15	"	4063	Henry Birks & Sons	11.70
"	15	"	4064	J. D. McAra	286.36
"	8	"		Charged in error of Temple Account	100.00
"	12	"		Charged in error of Temple Account	20.00
December	2	"	4065	O. E. Tisdale	150.00
"	2	"	4066	O. E. Tisdale	29.35
"	2	"	4067	R. A. Parker	150.00

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December 2 "	4068	R. A. Parker	\$ 100.00
" 4 "	4069	Can. Passenger Assn.	25.00
" 14 "	4070	Alberta Government Telephones	6.80
" 14 "	4071	Alberta Odd Fellows' Temple	30.00
" 14 "	4072	Henry Birks & Sons	7.50
" 14 "	4073	West Keith Ltd.	40.50
" 14 "	4074	J. D. McAra Ltd.	66.56
" 20 "	4075	Collector of Customs	28.30
" 23 "	4076	D. F. Christie	5.85

Total	\$ 12,854.24
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Cash from Grand Secretary, 1929	\$ 11,011.07
Balance on Hand December 31, 1928,	2,802.18

\$ 13,813.25

Disbursements 1929	\$ 12,854.24
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Balance on Hand December 31, 1929	\$ 959.01
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Certified Correct,

WM. IRELAND, C.A.
Auditor.

Grand Secretary's Report

Calgary, Alberta, February 1st, 1930

To the Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F.

Greetings:

I have pleasure in submitting herewith my report for the year ending December 31st, 1929, for your consideration and approval.

1 GENERAL FUND—FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance on Deposit Royal Bank of Canada, Dec. 31-28-----\$2,802.18

Receipts

Charter Fees -----	\$ 80.00
Sale of Grand Lodge Badges -----	135.00
Supplies sold to Subordinates and Rebekah Assembly-----	3,076.75
Per Capita Tax -----	7,737.95
Home Fund Assessment -----	767.00
	11,796.70
Total-----	\$14,598.88

Disbursements

Grand Secretary, Salary -----	\$1,800.00
Grand Secretary, Incidentally, Postage, Exchange, Revenue Stamps, Telegrams, etc. -----	313.42
J. H. Dickinson, Rubber Stamps -----	7.65
Duty on Supplies -----	13.00
J. H. Ashdown Acct. (Mop) -----	2.25
Telephones (1929) -----	85.35
Office Rent -----	240.00
Auditor's Fee -----	10.00
Sundry Expenses, Entertaining, Visitations -----	52.59
Past Grand Master's Jewel -----	40.00
Neilson Furniture Co., Office Chair -----	24.75
Expenses Fraternal Delegates, 1929 Session -----	29.10
J. D. McAra, Printing Officers' Reports and Journal -----	650.00
D. Elliott, Expense re-claim Charter Lodge, 132-----	29.50
Remington, Annual Inspection and Repairs over- hauling machine -----	42.00
Grand Lodge Prep. Com., 1929 -----	245.08
Alberta Odd Fellow, Annual Grant -----	100.00
Insurance, Office Furniture and Stock -----	11.40
Grand Treasurer, balance Salary, 1929 -----	150.00
Entertainment of Deputy Grand Sire -----	23.00
Journal Secretary, 1929 -----	100.00
Travelling Expenses, Members of Advisory Board-----	91.25
Robt. A. Parker, Asst. Gr. Secretary, 8 months -----	1,200.00
Robt. A. Parker, Asst. Gr. Secretary, Travelling Exp.-----	981.30
Grand Secretary, Attend Meetings Gr. Sec. Assn.-----	313.50
Railway Passenger Assn. Guarantee -----	25.00

Fraternal Delegates—

Grand Master to Grand Lodge, B.C.	\$ 61.05
Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge, Man.	58.50
Grand Warden, Grand Lodge, Sask.	70.00
	189.55

Printing and Stationery—

J. D. McAra	\$218.63
West-Keith	37.50
West Printing	72.63
J. H. Dickinson	6.50
	335.26

Supplies—

Sovereign Grand Lodge	\$2,434.25
Henry Birks	139.75
J. D. McAra	523.50
West-Keith	83.70
Alberta Odd Fellow	24.48
West Printing	33.66
Sundries	25.50
	3,264.84
Mileage and Per Diem, 1929	2,500.15
Sovereign Grand Lodge Tax	150.00
Grand Master, Expense Acct.	549.93
Grand Lodge Badges	70.00
Total	\$13,639.87
Cash on Deposit Royal Bank	959.01
	\$14,598.88
	\$14,598.88
Bank Balance, December 31, 1929	\$ 959.01

Certified Correct:

WM. IRELAND, C.A., Auditor.

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GRAND LODGE—SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT

December 31st, 1928, Balance on Deposit, Royal Bank \$1,283.46

Receipts

Supplies sold to Milo Lodge, No. 154	\$ 220.00
Supplies sold to Magnet Lodge, No. 12	75.00
Supplies sold to Rebekah Lodge, No. 102	42.00
Cash received from Elkhorn Lodge, No. 143	22.99
Refund from Mt. View Lodge, No. 4, re advances for Bro. Roberts	87.70
Cash from High River Lodge, No. 22	12.00
Cash from Cypress Lodge, No. 102 (Supplies)	40.00
Interest on Savings Account	8.58
Cash from Clyde Rebekah Lodge (Defunct)	19.68
Cash from Magnet Lodge, No. 12 (Supplies)	50.00
Interest on Bonds (Lodges 88 and 96)	38.50
Cash from Etzikom Lodge, No. 128 (Supplies)	45.00
Cash from Etzikom Rebekah Lodge (Supplies)	78.00
Cash from Halkirk Lodge, No. 61 (Supplies)	35.00
	774.45
Total	\$2,057.91

Disbursements

To Paid Liability of Oyen Lodge, No. 133 (Rent)	\$ 60.00
Transfer to Temple Fund	1,000.00
Advances to Bro. Paul Chuddick, No. 36	80.00
H. J. Playdon (making box shipping supplies)	12.00
Transfer to Temple Fund	485.00
D. Wilson, expense re-claim Charter Clyde Rebekah Lodge	6.00
Rent of Storage for 1929	120.00
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	\$1,763.00

Balance in Royal Bank (Savings), Dec. 31, 1929 \$ 294.91

Certified Correct:

WM. IRELAND. C.A., Auditor.

3**ODD FELLOWS' TEMPLE FUND**

Balance in Bank as at December 31st, 1928 \$1,011.38

Receipts

Assessment Receipts, January, 1929	\$ 24.00
Assessment Receipts, February, 1929	30.00
Cash transferred from "Special Tr."	1,485.00
Interest on Savings Acct.	1.37
Cash transferred from "Home Fund"	2,000.00
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	3,540.37

Total \$4,551.75

Disbursements

To Account for Typing	\$ 50.00
To Account for Legal Expenses	12.00
To Postage Stamps	10.00
To Director's Fees—	
Smith	\$43.95
Wilson	29.30
Stuart	21.20
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94.45	
1.50	
To J. H. Dickinson, Rubber Stamp	
To Paid for Share Certificates and Quit Claims for payments made on Sub. for Shares but for which no Certificate issued	4,030.00
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	\$4,197.95
Net Balance	353.80
Add O/S. Cheques	125.00
Balance as per Bank Book	\$478.80
Share Certificates redeemed 280 at \$10	\$2,800.00
Quit Claims, for payments for which Certificates were not issued	1,230.00
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	\$4,030.00

Certified Correct:

WM. IRELAND. C.A., Auditor.

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HOME FUND TRUSTEES

Balance in Bank, December 31st, 1928	\$3,911.26
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Receipts

Interest Alberta Odd Fellows' Temple Ltd. on mort- gage, \$5,000	\$ 412.50
Interest, Victory Bonds, \$8,000	440.00
Refund from Grand Lodge Prep. Com.	66.18
Interest, Royal Bank Savings Account	112.33
Donations by Subordinate Lodges	47.40
	<u>\$1,078.41</u>
Total	\$4,989.67

Disbursements

Transfer to Temple Fund	2,000.00
Balance Royal Bank (Savings) Dec. 31, 1929	\$2989.67

Total Assets "Home Fund"

Cash on Deposit Royal Bank of Canada, Dec. 31st, 1929	\$ 2,989.67
Victory Bonds	8,000.00
Odd Fellows' Temple Ltd., Mortgage	5,000.00
Odd Fellows' Temple Ltd., Shares	10,000.00
	<u>\$25,989.67</u>

Certified Correct;

WM. IRELAND, C.A., Auditor.

TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS, December 31st, 1929

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GENERAL FUND

On Deposit Royal Bank of Canada, December 31st, 1929	\$ 959.01
Odd Fellows' Temple Ltd. 3,588 Shares	\$35,880.00
" " " 500 Shares	5,000.00
" " " 020 Shares	200.00
" " " 002 Shares	20.00
" " " 280 Shares	2,800.00
" " " 1,634 Shares	16,340.00
	<u>\$60,240.00</u>
Quit Claims: Payments on Shares for which Certificates were not issued	\$61,199.01
Total	\$62,429.01

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HOME FUND

Cash on Deposit Royal Bank of Canada, December 31st, 1929	\$ 2,989.67
Victory Bonds	8,000.00
Odd Fellows' Temple Ltd.—Mortgage	5,000.00
Odd Fellows' Temple Ltd.—Shares	10,000.00
	<u>\$25,989.67</u>

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SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT

Cash on Deposit Royal Bank of Canada, December 31st, 1929	\$ 294.91
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TEMPLE FUND

On Deposit Royal Bank of Canada, December 31st, 1929
 Balance on Deposit, Royal Bank of Canada, Dec. 31st, 1929 \$ 478.80

Certified Correct:

WM. IRELAND, C.A., Auditor.

9 ABSTRACT OF SUBORDINATE LODGE REPORTS

Net Working Lodges as at December 31st, 1928 ----- 118
 Less Charter re-claimed—

Oyen, No. 133 -----	I
Foremost, consolidated with Etzikom Lodge, No. 128 -----	I
Strathcona Lodge, No. 9, consolidated with Friendship Lodge, No. 7 -----	I
Error in last report -----	I
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Net Working Lodges, December 31st, 1929 ----- 114

Summary of Membership Subordinate Lodges

Net Membership as reported at December 31st, 1928 ----- 7,192
 Initiations, 1929 ----- 441
 Affiliations, 1929 ----- 162
 Re-Instatements, 1929 ----- 55

Total Additions ----- 658 658

Deductions

Withdrawn -----	257
Expelled -----	3
Suspended for N.P.D. -----	349
Deceased -----	51

Total Deductions ----- 660 660

Total Net Membership, December 31st, 1929, so far as
 reported ----- 7,190

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DELINQUENT LODGES

I am once more obliged to report the delinquency of a number of Subordinates in sending in reports in time to be included in report to be placed before Grand Lodge. While the delinquency list is smaller than a year ago (Nineteen being outstanding this year compared with Twenty-five for the year 1928).

Membership figures are used as per last report received, viz.:—

Taber Lodge ----- No. 25	Clyde Lodge ----- No. 115
Banff Lodge ----- No. 48	Bellevue Lodge ----- No. 118
Rawdonville Lodge ----- No. 50	Lougheed Lodge ----- No. 121
Barons Lodge ----- No. 60	Eastern Link Lodge ----- No. 124
Blairmore Lodge ----- No. 68	Big Valley Lodge ----- No. 125
Picture Butte Lodge ----- No. 71	Alliance Lodge ----- No. 129
Bow Island Lodge ----- No. 80	Spirit River Lodge ----- No. 136
Cayley Lodge ----- No. 103	Westlock Lodge ----- No. 140
Namaka Lodge ----- No. 110	Peace Lodge ----- No. 141
Three Hills Lodge ----- No. 112	

**11 ABSTRACT FINANCIAL STANDING OF SUBORDINATE
LODGES**

December 31st, 1929

Receipts

From Dues	\$ 48,849.31
" Initiations	\$ 4,873.15
" Affiliations	183.15
" Re-Instatements	261.50
" Degrees	4,242.50
" Cards	34.75
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	9,595.05
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From Rents	\$ 25,710.35
" Interest	2,836.99
" Special Relief refunded	900.90
" Other Sources	16,794.53
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	47,242.77
Total Receipts for the Year	\$105,687.13

Disbursements

For Working Expenses	\$ 60,759.04
" Property (Furniture and Carpets)	4,342.76
" Lands and Buildings	10,522.87
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	\$ 75,624.62
For Sick Benefits	\$ 8,675.27
" Funeral Expenses	3,045.95
" Widows' and Orphans' Benefits	2,308.90
" Special Relief	1,687.40
" Nursing	95.25
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	15,872.77

Total Disbursements for the Year \$ 91,497.44

ASSETS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES .

Real Estate and Buildings	\$161,352.08
Furniture and Carpets	18,296.61
Regalia and Paraphernalia	24,386.11
Cash and Securities (Trustees)	67,604.99
Cash (Treasurer's)	77,524.56
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Total	\$349,164.35

12 OFFICE FIXTURES AND FURNITURE

I Remington Typewriter	\$ 63.00
I Typewriter Desk	27.00
I Oak Desk (Flat Top)	60.00
I Oak Cabinet	18.00
I Steel Cabinet	40.50
I Hat Tree	8.00
I Standing Desk (Oak)	18.00
I Carey Safe	90.00
I Office Chair (Swivel)	24.75
I High Stool	1.50
I Office Chairs	12.00

1	Parcel Scale, 1 Letter Scale	6.00
4	Desk Lamps	15.00
1	Drawer Cabinet	10.00
1	Steel Safe Cabinet	40.00
1	Oak Table	15.00
	Office Files and Cuts	9.00
3	Wire Waste Baskets	9.00
1	Set Officers' Collars	150.00
2	Trunks	45.00
1	Sub. Secret Work and Box	25.00
1	Reb. Secret Work and Box	11.00
1	Grand Lodge Flag	25.00
1	Set S.G.L. Journals	18.00
		\$ 740.75
	Less Depresiation 10%	74.07
		\$ 666.68

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INVENTORY OF STOCK ON HAND

December 31st.

1	Hon. Veteran's Jewel	\$ 75.00
1	D.D.G. Master's Jewel	4.50
13	Past Grand's Buttons	16.25
3	25 Year Veteran's Jewels	27.00
80	Grand Lodge Badges	56.00
73	Semi-Annual Report Books	40.15
23	Ledgers	106.25
19	Members' Registers	55.65
23	Books, Order on Treasurer	47.30
19	Officers' Roll Books	49.20
6	Records Books—400 pp.	18.00
3	Records Books—300 pp.	6.50
24	Journal and Dues Books	89.00
12	Financial Secretary's Cash Books	48.00
11	Receipt Books, Treasurer to Financial Secretary	23.40
10	Question Books	20.00
	Visiting Committee Report Books	30.00
8	Funeral Ceremony's	4.00
43	Books, Institution and Installation	21.50
2	Books, Floor Work	1.00
7	Books of Form	5.25
15	Memorial Ceremony's	4.50
13M	Application and Arrearages Forms	10.00
5M	Medical Forms	24.00
	Ode Cards	8.00
32	S.G.L. Codes of Laws	48.00
3	Ode Books	2.25
12	Blank Charters	12.00
850	Subordinate Constitutions	68.00
450	Grand Lodge Constitutions	90.00
57	Subordinate Lodge Rituals	142.00
16	Subordinate Institution Books	8.00
17	Ciphers (Questions)	8.50
10	Books Ciphers (Joint Installation)	8.00
59	Subordinate Ciphers	29.50
34	Books Ciphers (Official Certificates)	25.50
179	Members' Certificates	26.85
		\$1,259.05

NECROLOGY

Following is a list of Members of our Order in this Jurisdiction deceased during the Year 1929, so far as reported to this Office:

NAME	LODGE	DATE OF DECEASE
J. E. Fish	Alberta Lodge, No. 1	May
Thos. McNabb	Lethbridge Lodge, No. 2	April 18th
R. A. Wright	Lethbridge Lodge, No. 2	May 22nd
E. F. Nicholson	Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 3	January
Christopher Cove	Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 3	May 7th
L. C. Guest	Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 3	October 8th
M. L. Miller	Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 3	November
F. W. Timleck	Mt. View Lodge, No. 4	April 5th
Alfred A. Jones	Friendship Lodge, No. 7	February 26th
Roy C. Peterson	Friendship Lodge, No. 7	May 14th
R. V. Plunet	Friendship Lodge, No. 7	February 25th
A. Robertson	Friendship Lodge, No. 7	September 24th
L. E. Laundekr	Ponoka Lodge, No. 11	December 3rd
W. R. Reggins	Ponoka Lodge, No. 11	November 14th
H. W. Birch	Magnet Lodge, No. 12	December 25th
Robt. Larkin	Foot Hill Lodge, No. 13	September 8th
J. Dalgetty	Fort Lodge, No. 14	September 17th
T. J. Hopcraft	Sandstone Lodge, No. 17	February 15th
James Robertson	Sandstone Lodge, No. 17	March 2nd
Alexander Rose	High River Lodge, No. 22	February 21st
Oscar F. Toepfer	Alix Lodge, No. 24	May 31st
M. L. Morrison	Alix Lodge, No. 24	February 3rd
M. A. McRae	Beaver Lodge, No. 27	March 3rd
John W. Welford	Beaver Lodge, No. 27	April 6th
James Hallett	Edmonton Lodge, No. 30	October 27th
John Shoebottom	Bowden Lodge, No. 31	February 4th
A. E. Reynolds	Canmore Lodge, No. 38	June 3rd
E. W. Mallabone	Canmore Lodge, No. 38	October 5th
N. Nichalatchuck	Canmore Lodge, No. 38	December 20th
Harold Edwards	St. George Lodge, No. 39	April 27th
Chas. D. Sweet	Norwood Lodge No. 41	March 18th
H. V. Fieldhouse	Wainwright Lodge, No. 45	August 29th
Gordon S. Kay	Hillhurst Lodge, No. 46	May 23rd
Arthur M. Roley	Hardisty Lodge, No. 64	January 20th
C. H. X. Hanon	Winnifred Lodge, No. 67	January 6th
T. M. Hughes	Winnifred Lodge, No. 67	November 20th
Jas. R. Irwin	Blairmore Lodge, No. 68	August 3rd
Anthony Wardman	Blairmore Lodge, No. 68	February 15th
J. W. Shand	Mizpah Lodge, No. 72	July 20th
John French	Minburn Lodge, No. 74	May 16th
John Frank	Lamont Lodge, No. 78	February 21st
F. W. Gibson	Irricana Lodge, No. 84	
Wm. McGregor, P.G.	Royal Lodge, No. 86	February 6th
O. Hedley	Edson Lodge, No. 92	May 9th
W. Gibb	Edson Lodge, No. 92	July
Wm. Jones	Hanna Lodge, No. 99	July 8th
Joe Santoni	Victory Lodge, No. 137	November 22nd
M. Zelmsky	Big Horn Lodge, No. 138	August 8th
W. A. Gericke	Provost Lodge, No. 139	July 29th
John W. Stewart	Cadomin Lodge, No. 152	November 13th
Russell McGrath	Cadomin Lodge, No. 152	November 13th
Jos. Williamson,		
D.D.G. Master	Cadomin Lodge, No. 152	December 17th

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JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

The Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the 1929 Sessions, were compiled and printed in regular course and a copy of the same was sent to all Subordinate Lodges in the Jurisdiction.

In addition to the above a copy was sent to the Grand Secretary of all Grand Jurisdictions on this continent.

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SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE JOURNAL

The Journal of Proceedings of the 1929 Sessions of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, held at Houston, Texas, in the month of September, last, were received at this office, January 6th, 1930, and were mailed to all Subordinate Lodges on the 8th January, 1930.

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FRATERNAL PRESS

As has been the custom of the editors of a number of Fraternal publications on this continent, this office has been honored by being on their mailing lists during the past year and the several papers have come to hand at regular intervals.

Words are lacking to fully express the gratitude of the Grand Secretary for this kindness, thus keeping in touch with what is being done and accomplished throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

May I take this opportunity to acknowledge the courtesy of the publishers of our fraternal papers in supplying this office with copies of their journals, which is deeply appreciated.

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OFFICIAL CIRCULARS**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS**

Office of the Grand Secretary,
Calgary, Alta., December 1st, 1920

The District Deputy Grand Master:
District No._____

Dear Brother:

I am instructed by our Grand Master to send you the Pass Word for the ensuing term, which you will communicate to the several Noble Grands elect in your district and not until after they have been duly installed into office.

You will then return to me the Key, sent to you previously, under separate cover, together with the Semi-Annual Report, Per Capita Tax, Home Fund Assessment and receipt for the Rituals, delivered to the Noble Grands.

In remitting please use P.O. Money Order, Express Money Order, or Bank Draft (Cheques must be made payable at par in Calgary).

Permit me to request that you examine carefully the report of each Lodge and see that it is correct in every respect and that all blanks are checked or filled, before sending them in.

Semi-Annual Report, Per Capita Tax (50c. per member) and Home Fund Assessment (5c. per member), should reach this office not later than the 15th January, next.

Please do not allow any delay in getting returns to the hands of the Grand Secretary.

Blank report for the Grand Master is enclosed. Kindly fill in and forward to that Officer, direct.

I remain, fraternally,

O. E. TISDALE,
Grand Secretary.

May I be permitted to point out to you the urgent necessity of getting the Officers of the several Subordinate Lodges in your District installed into office at the earliest possible date.

Please do not hold reports, but send them in to the Grand Secretary as soon as received by you.

SPECIAL MEETING CONFERRING "GRAND LODGE DEGREE"

Office of the Grand Secretary,
Calgary, Alta., January 15th, 1930

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IMPORTANT

To Recording Secretary,
Lodge No.-----

Dear Brother:

Authorized by the Advisory Board, followed by Resolution of Grand Lodge at the 1921 Sessions, you are hereby notified that a Special Meeting of Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F., will be held in the I.O.O.F. Temple, City of Calgary, on Wednesday evening, February 19th, 1930, at 8.30 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving report of Grand Lodge Credential Committee and the conferring of the Grand Lodge Degree on applicants, in preparation for the opening of the Annual Session of Grand Lodge, on the following day.

All Past Grands, as well as Representatives, may receive the Degree at time and date above mentioned, on presentation of Credentials as called for by the Laws of our Order.

Will you please advise your Past Grands and Representatives accordingly.

Thanking you in advance for your prompt and careful attention.

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

O. E. TISDALE,
Grand Secretary.

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Re RAILWAY RATES

Office of the Grand Secretary
Calgary, Alta., January 15th, 1930.

To Recording Secretary:

Permit me to request that you draw the attention to all of your Members, who purpose attending the Grand Lodge Sessions, to be held in the City of Calgary, February 18th to February 21st, 1930 (both days inclusive), to the necessity of securing "Standard Convention Certificates" from Railway Agent, for the full fare paid.

Purchase "One-way First Class Tickets," and if 150 of these Standard Certificates are presented to the Grand Secretary at the Session, you

will be returned to starting point for one-half of the one-way first-class fare, plus 25c. validation fee.

The 25c. validation fee to be paid when handing in your Certificate for signature of the Grand Secretary.

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

O. E. TISDALE,
Grand Secretary.

P.S.—Insist on getting "Standard Certificate" from Railway Agent; purchase one-way First-Class Ticket only.

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QUESTIONS

Office of the Grand Secretary

Calgary, Alta., January 15th, 1930.

To Recording Secretary,
Lodge No.-----

Dear Sir and Brother:

The attention of the members of your Lodge is hereby directed to Resolution No. 105, page 1751, Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1924, which reads as follows:

"That all Lodges be asked, that if they have any questions to submit to Grand Lodge for decision, that they be submitted before the opening of the Session."

In view of the above cited resolution, if your Lodge has any questions that they wish to submit, will you kindly send them to The Grand Secretary, in plenty of time, before the Sessions and they will be placed on file for reference to Committee on Judiciary, so that decisions may be rendered early in the Session.

By giving this request your prompt attention, you will greatly facilitate the work of the Committee, as well as the work of the Grand Lodge. Thanking you in anticipation of your compliance with this resolution.

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

O. E. TISDALE,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND SIRE'S PROCLAMATIONS

The usual Annual Proclamations from the Grand Sire were received at this office in regular course, and at earliest possible date, a copy was forwarded to every Subordinate Lodge, with a message from our Grand Master, touching on the subject matter of each individual Proclamation, annexed thereto.

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ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION

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The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.
Office of the Grand Sire.

To the Officers and Members of all Grand and Subordinate Bodies
of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The passing of another year has but emphasized the leadership of our Order in the fraternal life of the world.

Founded in the City of Baltimore on April 26, 1819, in the one hundred and ten years it has not only planted its Lodges in every permanent community on the North American Continent, but has spread over the world until now it can be truthfully said that it encircles the globe with its three links of Friendship, Love and Truth.

By reason of its lessons of pure fraternity taught to man and its acts in the execution thereof; distress has been relieved, the orphan has been cared for and educated, sickness cheered, the faltering ones strengthened and the hopeless given courage to renew the battle of life. The power of love and the value of friendship as applied to the every day affairs of men and of nations are now better understood and have a deeper and broader meaning by reason of its existence. This coupled with its emphasis of toleration for the acts and views of others has demonstrated that the application of the Golden Rule in human affairs is practical and that universal justice can be attained.

Therefore, in obedience to the laws of The Sovereign Grand Lodge and the usages and customs of the Order, I, Frank Martin, Grand Sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, hereby enjoin upon all Lodges of the Order that they take appropriate action on the twenty-sixth day of April, 1929, to demonstrate their appreciation of the power and accomplishments of Odd Fellowship in the world and to express their devout thanks to Almighty God for His manifold blessings to and guidance of our beloved Order.

Done at Boise, Idaho, this 23rd day of February, Anno Domini 1929, and of the Order one hundred and tenth year.

Attest:

J. EDW. KROH,
Grand Secretary.

FRANK MARTIN,
Grand Sire.

To the Officers and Members of all Subordinate Lodges of the
Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Grand Jurisdiction of Alberta:

In obedience to the above Proclamation as issued by our Grand Sire, and the customs and usages of the Order, I, M. S. Schroder, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F., do hereby enjoin and instruct all Subordinate Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction to properly observe and dedicate the twenty-sixth day of April, 1929, the One Hundred and Tenth Anniversary of the founding of our Order, by suitable exercises in observance of the Day, and by public thanksgiving to Almighty God for his manifold and gracious mercies to us.

In connection with these exercises, a General Dispensation is hereby granted to wear the Regalia of the Order.

Done at the Village of Walsh, in the Province of Alberta, this ninth day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, and of our Order the one hundred and tenth year.

[Seal] Attest:

O. E. TISDALE,
Grand Secretary.

M. S. SCHRODER,
Grand Master.

A General Dispensation is hereby granted, to wear the Regalia of the Order on this Occasion.

MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION

The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.
Office of the Grand Sire.

To the Officers and Members of all Grand and Subordinate Bodies
of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

With the passing of another year, we are again called upon to pause in our activities in order that we may observe the universal and beautiful custom among men of honoring the memories of departed friends. The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows has wisely provided that once each year we shall meet to honor the memory of our departed brothers and sisters, and to recall the lives of those who have been taken from us, to review their virtues and good deeds, and thereby receive inspiration for greater efforts in behalf of humanity.

In obedience to our law which designates the second Tuesday in June of each year as Memorial Day, I, Frank Martin, Grand Sire, do hereby request that all Subordinate Bodies of the Order assemble on that day and hold appropriate services in commemoration of the lives of their deceased members, provided that if they find a different date to be more convenient for any jurisdiction to hold such service, the Grand Master may issue his proclamation in accordance therewith.

Done at Boise, Idaho, this fifth day of April, 1929, and of the Order the one hundred and tenth year.

Attest:

J. EDW. KROH,
Grand Secretary.

FRANK MARTIN,
Grand Sire.

To the Officers and Members of all Subordinate Lodges,
Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F.:

In obedience to the above cited Proclamation of our Grand Sire, and conforming to the laws and customs of our Order, I, M. S. Schroder, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F., do hereby enjoin and instruct all Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction to properly observe the same, by holding appropriate services honoring the memory of our deceased members, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of June next; provided that if the above date is not suitable, such exercises may be held on such other day during the months of June, July or August, as may be best adapted to local conditions.

By the commemoration of these exercises, may we be inspired to re-consecrate our lives to the cause of Odd Fellowship, and to the practical exemplification of our principles—Friendship, Love and Truth.

Done at the Village of Walsh, Alberta, this twenty-second day of April, A.D. 1929, and of our Order the one hundred and tenth year.

[Seal] Attest:

O. E. TISDALE,
Grand Secretary.

M. S. SCHRODER,
Grand Master.

A General Dispensation is hereby granted to wear the Regalia of the Order on this occasion.

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PROCLAMATION

The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.
Office of the Grand Sire.

Observance of the Birthday Anniversary of Thomas Wildley.
To the Officers and Members of the Grand and Subordinate Bodies
of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Sovereign Grand Lodge at its Session in 1926 provided that the 15th day of January should be observed by the Order officially as the birthday of Thomas Wildley. Pursuant to that resolution, I, M. M. Logan, Grand Sire, do hereby direct and request all Subordinate Bodies of the Order to observe the 15th day of January, in some appropriate manner, so that gratitude may be shown to him who introduced Odd Fellowship on the North American Continent. Our membership should be made to understand the vision of Wildley when he planted the seed of an organization which has grown until its name and unselfish service fill the world. It is fitting that his name should be honored, and to that end every Subordinate Body should arrange a suitable program that will awaken an interest in his work. He should be known of all men as the real founder of an Order untouched by selfishness, having in view the one great objective, that is, the happiness of the human race. On that day we should rededicate ourselves to the tasks that lie before us and should renew our determination to carry on the work which our hands and hearts find to do until the coming of that time when the law of universal brotherhood shall be recognized by all men as the solution of all of the problems of life.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of November, Anno Domini nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, and of the Order the one hundred and eleventh year.

J. EDW. KROH,
Grand Secretary.

M. M. LOGAN,
Grand Sire.

To the Officers and Members of all Subordinate Lodges
under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F.:

In conformity with the above cited Proclamation of our Grand Sire, it is hereby directed that you suitably commemorate the Birthday Anniversary of the founder of Odd Fellowship on this continent.

As we turn back the pages of history, and review the record of his accomplishments, may we receive renewed inspiration for the advancement of our Order, and the promotion of peace on earth, good will among men.

Done at Walsh, Alberta, this eleventh day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, and of our Order the one hundred and eleventh year.

[Seal] Attest:
O. E. TISDALE, M. S. SCHRODER,
Grand Secretary. Grand Master.

Calgary, Alta., January 15th, 1930.

To the Officers and Members of
Lodge No. _____

Dear Brothers:

25 Herewith you will please find copies of "Notices of Motion" (6) which will come before Grand Lodge at the coming Sessions, to be held in the City of Calgary, February 20th and 21st, next, for consideration.

Will you kindly give the subject matter of these Notices of Motion your attention, so that your Representatives may be in position to present your views when the same are being dealt with.

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

O. E. TISDALE,
Grand Secretarq.

26

NOTICE OF MOTION

To repeal Section 85A of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution.

I herewith give notice that at the coming session of the Grand Lodge I will move; or in case of my absence any member of the Grand Lodge is authorized to move that Section 85A of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution which reads as follows:

"This Lodge may receive as non-beneficial members former members of defunct Lodges, who were in good standing in their respective Lodges at the time of surrender of their respective charters, and who are ineligible for beneficial membership and over Fifty years of age."

BE REPEALED

And a new section which shall be known as 85A be enacted and which shall read as follows:

"This Lodge may receive as non-beneficial members by initiation; free white males, of good moral character, who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; who are in good health and who have resided within the territorial jurisdiction of the Lodge for at least three months next preceding the date of application and who shall have attained the age of eighteen years. It shall be optional with each Subordinate Lodge as to whether or not a medical certificate is required in the case of non-beneficial members. This Lodge may receive as non-beneficial members former members of defunct Lodges, who were in good standing in their respective Lodges at the time of surrender of their respective charters, and who are over eighteen years of age.

Dated at Calgary, this 12th day of November, 1929.

Signed,

ROBT. A. PARKER.

27

NOTICE OF MOTION

To amend Section 85B of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution.

I herewith give notice that at the coming session of the Grand Lodge I shall move, or in case of my absence any member of the Grand Lodge is authorized to move, that Section 85B of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution be amended by striking out the word "Fifty" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Eighteen," so that when amended the section shall read:

"This Lodge may also receive as non-beneficial members, Non-affiliated Odd Fellows, who have been regularly admitted to and retained membership in the order for at least five years, and who at the time of making application for reinstatement for membership, shall be over eighteen years of age, and who are not under expulsion for cause.

Dated at Calgary, this 12th day of November, 1929.

Signed

ROBT. A. PARKER.

28

NOTICE OF MOTION

To repeal Section 85C of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution.

I hereby give notice that at the coming session of the Grand Lodge I shall move, or in case of my absence any member of the Grand Lodge shall have authority to move, that Section 85C of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution which reads as follows:

"The admission fee for non-beneficial members shall be ten dollars, and the quarterly dues one dollar."

BE REPEALED

And a new section which shall be known as Section 85C be enacted and which shall read as follows:

"The admission fee for non-beneficial members by initiation shall be Fifteen Dollars. The charge for degrees shall be governed by Section 78 of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution. Members admitted under this section by initiation shall have all the rights and privileges of a member whose Lodge does not pay stipulated sick benefits. The fee for admission by Defunct Lodge Card, Dismissal Certificate or Expired Withdrawal Card shall be Ten Dollars. The dues shall be not less than Six Dollars per year, payable quarterly in advance. In case of Non-beneficial Odd Fellows who have reached the age of sixty and been a contributing member for twenty-five consecutive years, the dues shall be One Dollar per quarter.

Dated at Calgary, this 12th day of November, 1929.

Signed,

ROBT. A. PARKER.

29

NOTICE OF MOTION

Calgary, Alberta, November 30, 1929.

To the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F., Calgary, Alberta;

Dear Brothers:

I hereby give notice that at the next session of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F., to be held in the City of Calgary in February, 1930, I will move, or cause to be moved, the following:

That Section 45 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F., be amended by striking out sub-section 6, and the words, "Committee on State of the Order,"

so that when amended, the Section shall read as follows:

"The Grand Master at each Annual Session shall appoint from among the members present the following Sessional Committees:

1. Committee on Credentials.
2. Committee on Petitions and Correspondence.
3. Committee on Insurance.
4. Committee on Finance.
5. Committee on Rebekah Lodges.
6. Committee on Necrology.
7. Committee on Mileage and Per Diem."

Yours fraternally,

GEO. G. WEBBER,

Past Grand, Foot Hill Lodge, No. 13,
Clareholm, Alberta

NOTICE OF MOTION

Calgary, Alberta, November 30, 1929.

To the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F., Calgary, Alberta.

Dear Brothers:

I hereby give notice that at the next session of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F., to be held in Calgary in February, 1930, I will move, or cause to be moved, the following:

That Section 46 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F., be amended by adding to the same an additional sub-section as follows: "6. Committee on State of the Order;"

so that when so amended, the Section shall read as follows:

"The newly elected Grand Master at the close of each regular session shall appoint the following standing committees, viz.: .

1. Committee on Distribution.
2. Committee on Laws of Subordinates.
3. Committee on Appeals and Grievances.
4. Committee on Judiciary.
5. Committee on Legislation.
6. Committee on State of the Order."

Yours fraternally,

GEO. G. WEBBER,

Past Grand, Foot Hill Lodge, No. 13,
Claresholm, Alberta

NOTICE OF MOTION

Edmonton, December 16, 1929.

To the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F.,

Dear Brothers:

I hereby give notice that, at the next session of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F., to be held in the City of Calgary in February, 1930, I will move, or cause to be moved, the following:

That Section 4 of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, which reads:

"The regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held weekly, or semi-monthly, on such evenings and at such hour as shall be provided by its By-laws."

be amended, by adding thereto the following:

"The By-laws may further provide that regular meetings may or shall be dispensed with for a period not to exceed two months in any one year."

so that the said Section 4, when so amended, shall read:

"The regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held weekly, or semi-monthly, on such evenings and at such hour as shall be provided by its By-laws. The By-laws may further provide that regular meetings may or shall be dispensed with for a period not to exceed two months in any one year."

Yours fraternally,

ALEX. D. CAMPBELL,
P.G.M., G.R.

32 Re RESOLUTION No. 29—Page III of 1929 Journal

Following instructions as contained in the above cited Resolution, your Grand Secretary referred the subject matter to Grand Sire Martin for decision.

The Question and Answer are both submitted in full herewith, as follows:

May 18, 1929.

Hon. Frank Martin,
Grand Sire, I.O.O.F., Boise, Idaho.

Dear Grand Sire:

Re "HONORS OF OFFICE"

At the recent Sessions of our Grand Lodge, by resolution duly adopted, the writer was instructed to call your attention to the apparent discrepancy in the Laws of our Order, in connection with the above.

Thinking it better, I am sending you under separate cover the Journal of Proceedings of our last Sessions (with marked pages and articles) which will give you a better idea of the situation as it now stands. Viz.:

Grand Master's Decision	-----	No. 13-----	page 91
Report of Committee	-----	No. 19-----	page 105
Resolution	-----	No. 20-----	page 106
Resolution	-----	No. 27-----	page 111
Resolution	-----	No. 28-----	page 111
Resolution	-----	No. 29-----	page 111

The whole question lies in the fact as follows. Viz.:

A Noble Grand was duly Installed into office during an evening, at a regular meeting of his Lodge. Within twenty-four hours, thereafter, the said Lodge (No. 9) was amalgamated or consolidated with Lodge No. 7, in the same City, by previous arrangement.

The Noble Grand of Lodge No. 9 now claims "Honor of Office," he having actually occupied the chair in his Lodge for approximately between an hour and two hours.

Details of the whole transaction will be found in Grand Master's decision No. 13, page No. 91 of Journal.

Your reply and ruling in course of Mail will be greatly appreciated.

I remain,

Fraternally,

O. E. TISDALE,
Grand Secretary.

P.S.—Regret to learn indirectly that your injured Arm, is still giving you trouble. I trust that by now there is some improvement.—O.E.T.

Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I.O.O.F. Office of the Grand Sire.
Frank Martin, Grand Sire.

Boise, Idaho,
May 29th, 1929.

Mr. O. E. Tisdale, Grand Sec., I.O.O.F.,
203 Odd Fellows Temple, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Dear Brother Tisdale:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 18th inst. in which you refer me to a resolution passed at the last Session of your Grand Lodge, in

connection with the decision of the Grand Master in regard to "Honors of Office," also stating that you were sending under separate cover a copy of your Journal, which would show the facts embraced in the decision of the Grand Master, and the action of the Grand Lodge thereon.

I find on p. 111 of your Journal, that when the matter of the correctness of the Grand Master's decision was under consideration in Report 19, that a motion was made that the question involved in Decision No. 13, the one referred to in the report, be referred for decision to the Grand Sire. This motion was lost, following which a motion was made that "the matter of apparent discrepancy in the laws of the Order, relating to the question of 'Honors of Office,' be brought to the attention of the Grand Sire," by reason of which you brought this matter before me.

It is the opinion of the Grand Sire, after giving careful consideration to the matter that there is no discrepancy or conflict between the sections of the code containing the present legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in regard to this matter.

The general rule is that "Honors of Office," can only be obtained by service as stated in Sec. 210 of the General Code.

There are, however, three exceptions to this rule. These three exceptions are as follows:

1. When the officer is excused from attendance by reason of sickness, the sickness being of the extent described in the Code. Sec. 211.
2. When a Lodge shall fail to hold its meetings by reason of some matter over which the Lodge has no control, as contained in Sec. 212 of the Code.
3. The third exception is the one contained in Sec. 931 of the Code, where Lodges are consolidated.

The above are exceptions to the general rule, provided by law and not inconsistencies or discrepancies.

Fraternally yours,

FRANK MARTIN,

Grand Sire.

33

FRATERNAL DELEGATES

Following precedent Invitations have gone forward to the Grand Lodges of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, containing a most cordial invitation to be represented at the coming Annual Sessions of our Grand Lodge and Affiliated Grand, and it is sincerely hoped that the invitations may be accepted and that we shall have the honor of having a full delegation from the Provinces mentioned.

34

FIRE LOSSES

This office has been advised that two of our Subordinate Lodges had the misfortune to lose their Lodge Halls and all effects by fire, during the year just closed. Viz.:

Wainwright Lodge, No. 45 at Wainwright, Alberta.
Halkirk Lodge, No. 61 at Halkirk.

I have been informed that each of these Lodges carried some Fire Insurance, as a protection in such a contingency, but I am not aware to what extent the Insurance covered.

It is very pleasing to note that both of these Lodges are again housed in comfortable quarters, and are at this date carrying on as usual.

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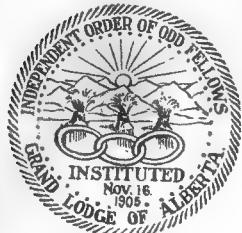
VISITATION

DEPUTY GRAND SIRE, BRO. M. M. LOGAN

This visitation and resultant meetings are referred to in full in our Grand Master's Report, therefore not necessary to repeat here.

36 May I express to you my feelings of great appreciation for the many courtesies extended to your Grand Secretary by members of our Order throughout the Jurisdiction.

My great regret is that I have been unable to visit as many Subordinate Lodges, as I would have wished to, during the past year and join with the Members in their Lodge Meetings as also the many Special Functions, to which I received invitations.



Grand Secretary.

GRAND SECRETARIES' AND GRAND SCRIBES' ASSOCIATION

Herewith you will please find a synopsis of the minutes of the several meetings held by the Association, during the week of Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions, held in the city of Houston, Texas.

May I assure you that all Meetings held were most pleasant and instructive to all present.

The local Committee at Houston, extended every courtesy to the members of the Association, every wish apparently being anticipated. Your Grand Secretary again wishes to express his thanks to this Grand Lodge, for making it possible for him to be in attendance at this Annual gathering.

**37 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES
AND GRAND SCRIBES' ASSOCIATION**

The Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at the Rice Hotel, City of Houston, Texas, September 16th to 20th, 1929, President E. S. Davis of Nebraska, in the chair.

The following Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes were in attendance:

Alabama—C. O. Jacobs, Past Grand Secretary. August Buerger, Grand Scribe.

Alberta—O. E. Tisdale, Grand Secretary.

California—G. F. Hudson, Grand Secretary.

Colorado—O. E. Jackson, Grand Secretary. J. M. Norman, Grand Scribe.

Connecticut—W. S. Hutchinson, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe.

Georgia—T. H. Robertson, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe.

Idaho—P. F. Horne, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe.

Illinois—J. H. Sikes, Grand Secretary.

Indiana—G. P. Burnwasser, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe.

Iowa—L. W. Smith, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe.

Kansas—W. J. Russell, Grand Secretary.

Louisiana—R. T. Leland, Past Grand Secretary.

Manitoba—Robert Duff, Grand Secretary. D. E. McKinnon, Grand Scribe.

Maritime Provinces—J. J. McKinnon, Grand Secretary.

Michigan—F. A. Rogers, Grand Secretary.

Minnesota—E. G. Ludvigsen, Grand Secretary. J. T. Hagland, Grand Scribe.

Missouri—Ben. Weidle, Grand Secretary. W. F. Maring, Grand Scribe.

Nebraska—E. S. Davis, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe.

New Jersey—H. S. Pine, Grand Secretary.

North Carolina—H. A. Halstead, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe.

New York—Harry Walker, Grand Scribe.

Oklahoma—G. W. Bruce, Grand Secretary. L. H. Kerr, Grand Secretary.

Ontario—Wm. Brooks, Grand Secretary.

Pennsylvania—Usher A. Hall, Grand Secretary. George H. Banes, Grand Scribe.

Rhode Island—A. E. Pike, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe.

Saskatchewan—F. D. Gray, Grand Secretary.

South Carolina—S. F. Killingtonworth, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe.

South Dakota—F. B. Raymond, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe.

Tennessee—J. P. Fischesser, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe.
Texas—E. Q. Vestal, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe.
Vermont—G. F. Walker, Grand Scribe.
Virginia—J. P. Goodridge, Assistant Grand Secretary.
Washington—F. C. Rumsay, Grand Secretary.
Wyoming—Thos. Cottle, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe.

A number wrote expressing their regret at their inability to be present. A letter from Bro. B. A. Fahl, Grand Secretary of North Dakota, was referred to a committee for a report.

DEATHS DURING THE YEAR—F. L. Way, Grand Secretary, New Hampshire; Richard Hoe, Grand Secretary, Wisconsin; H. A. Herwig, Grand Scribe, Oklahoma.

A committee consisting of Bros. Hutchinson, Connecticut; Bruce, Oklahoma; and Weidle, Missouri; were appointed to present a suitable memorial, re the deceased members.

CHANGES IN GRAND SECRETARIES AND GRAND SCRIBES—Alabama—H. C. Pollard succeeds W. P. Archer as Grand Secretary; Arizona—R. C. Sloane succeeds A. H. Hargrave as Grand Secretary; Florida—Frank Grant succeeds M. M. Little as Grand Secretary; F. H. Cranston succeeds J. T. Dale as Grand Scribe; New Hampshire—E. C. Dudley succeeds the late F. L. Way as Grand Secretary; Ohio—Charles T. Cross, Acting Grand Secretary, vice. H. E. Crosier; Oklahoma—L. H. Kerr succeeds the late H. A. Herwig as Grand Scribe; Quebec—George H. Laing succeeds T. J. Potter as Grand Secretary; Tennessee—J. R. Fischesser succeeds W. M. Hannah as Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe; Wisconsin—A. M. Averson succeeds the late Richard Hoe as Grand Secretary.

PROGRAMME—The President submitted the following programme:

1. "Our Proposed New Ventures, Life Membership, Motion Pictures, Juvenile Branch," H. S. Pine, Grand Secretary, New Jersey, leader.
2. "The Attitude of the Public Mind to Our Order — and the Remedy," Ben. Weidle, Missouri, leader.
3. "How to Secure Applications and Prevent Losses," G. W. Bruce, Oklahoma, leader.
4. "Special Problems of Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes," Presley F. Horne, Idaho, leader.
5. "Election of Grand Officers—How Should Selection be Made and When?" Wm. Brooks, Ontario, leader.
6. "Dispensations—Their Use and Abuse," L. W. Smith, Iowa, leader.

Owing to the fact that The Sovereign Grand Lodge was almost continually in Session, and the further fact that several Grand Secretaries were Grand Representatives or Appointed Officers in The Sovereign Grand Lodge, it was difficult to hold regular Sessions, yet meetings were held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and various matters were discussed.

Luncheons were arranged for Tuesday and Thursday, at which nearly all the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes were present. At the Tuesday luncheon Grand Representatives A. L. Yates of Illinois, B. A. Gaskill of New Jersey and G. Washburn of Nevada, in excellent addresses, discussed our new ventures, which were listened to with the closest attention. Two of these propositions, viz.: Juvenile Branch and Life Membership, were adopted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

At the Wednesday meeting Bro. Weidle of Missouri, read a splendid paper on the Present Attitude of the Public Mind to Our Order and Its Remedy, which was followed by a general discussion.

At the Thursday luncheon Grand Sire-elect, M. M. Logan of Kentucky, was our guest and he delivered a fine address of advice and encouragement, and hoped that the year upon which we have entered would be successful in every way, and very much was expected of the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes along this line.

The President and Secretary were guests at the Annual Banquet of the International Press Association—a courtesy which was very much appreciated.

After some further discussion on various matters for the Good of the Order, the following officers were elected and duly installed:

President—W. F. Maring, Grand Scribe of Missouri.

Vice-President—Harry Walker, Grand Scribe of New York.

Secretary-Treasurer—I. E. McKinnon, Grand Scribe of Manitoba.

The next meeting will be held in Indianapolis, September, 1930.

38 REPORT OF GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES

Calgary, Alberta, January 25, 1930.

To the Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F.

Brothers:

On behalf of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates appointed by the Grand Master at the Session of 1929, I beg leave to submit the following report:

March 26th—

We returned By-Laws to Luscar Lodge, No. 148, as they were not in proper form for consideration.

We returned the By-Laws of Edmonton Lodge, No. 30, for several corrections before we could approve of them.

April 3rd—

We returned the By-Laws of Etzikom Lodge, No. 128, as they were not in conformity with the Constitution.

We returned the By-laws of Coliseum Lodge, No. 146, for the reason that only one copy was submitted and was not signed by the Noble Grand and further, the By-Laws as submitted, did not comply with the Constitution.

We returned the By-Laws of Rawdonville Lodge, No. 50, for the reason that they did not comply with the Constitution.

We approved of the amendment to the By-Laws of Acme Lodge, No. 65.

We approved of the By-Laws of Ryley Lodge, No. 75, as amended.

We returned the By-Laws of Century Lodge, No. 100, as they did not conform to the Constitution.

April 3rd—

We returned the By-Laws of Birch Lake Lodge, No. 63, for the reason that only one copy was submitted and did not have the Seal of the Lodge attached, also they had practically copied out the whole of the Constitution.

June 4th—

We approved of the By-Laws of Friendship Lodge, No. 7, at the same time pointing out that we had nothing to tell us as to whether they were uniform with the other Lodge of their City, as we have not had the information on the combined Lodges on this point.

We returned the By-Laws of Spirit River Lodge, No. 136, for the reason that they did not conform to Clause 3 of the Constitution, and there was no clause regarding terms. Further, that the office of Financial-Secretary-Treasurer was not constitutional and they had not sent duplicate copies.

We returned the By-Laws of Rocky Mountain House Lodge, No. 120, for the reason that they did not conform to the Constitution, they were not signed by the Noble Grand, the Recording Secretary had no Seal of the Lodge and he did not state that they had been read as required by Section 145 of the Constitution.

We approved of the amendment to Clause 7 of the By-Laws of Luscar Lodge, No. 148.

July 14th—

We approved the amendment to Clauses 8 and 9 of the By-Laws of Innisfail Lodge, No. 6.

July 19th—

We returned the By-Laws of Meridian Lodge, No. 62, for the reason that they did not conform to Sections 58 and 77 of the Constitution.

We returned the By-Laws of Donalda, No. 150, for the reason that they were not Constitutional as submitted.

We approved of the By-Laws of Lomond Lodge, No. 117, as amended.

We returned the By-Laws of Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 49, for the reason that they did not conform to Sections 58 and 76; Also, there was no provision for admission fees from 18 to 21 years of age and no provision for Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

We approved of the By-Laws of Rawdonville Lodge, No. 50, as amended.

We returned the By-Laws of Irma Lodge, No. 56, for the reason that the Clause, re meeting, was not Constitutional. Also, they contained no Clause as per Article No. 58 of the Constitution, and they were not in conformity with Articles No. 77 and 124 of the Constitution.

We returned the By-Laws of Milo Lodge, No. 154, for the reason that they did not conform to Articles No. 58, 69, 70 and 77, of the Constitution.

We again returned the By-Laws of Spirit River Lodge, No. 136, for the reason that there was only one copy submitted, no Seal of the Lodge attached, no signature of the Noble Grand or Recording Secretary, no certificate that they had been read three times and been passed by the Lodge and they did not conform to Articles 76, 77, 124 and 125 of the Constitution.

August 23rd—

We approved the By-Laws of Etzikom Lodge, No. 128.

We approved of the By-Laws of Edmonton Lodge, No. 30.

August 29th—

We approved of the By-Laws of Waskasoo Lodge, No. 16, as amended.

October 22nd—

We returned By-Laws of Hillhurst Lodge, No. 46, for correction.

We returned the By-Laws of Rocky Mountain House Lodge, No. 120, as no Clause re terms was provided.

We approved the By-Laws of Donalda Lodge, No. 150, as amended.

We approved of the By-Laws of Spirit River Lodge, No. 136, as amended.

We returned the By-Laws of Alix Lodge, No. 24, for the reason that only one copy was submitted, no clause was contained therein re terms, and they were not in conformity with Articles No. 124 and 125 of the Constitution.

We approved of the By-Laws of Mirror Lodge, No. 151 as amended.

We approved of the By-Laws of Milo Lodge, No. 154.

We returned the By-Laws of Fraternity Lodge, No. 130, for the following reasons: There was no Clause re Terms; they were not signed by the Noble Grand and the Recording Secretary; there was no certificate attached to say they had been read three times in the Lodge, as required by Section 146 of the Constitution; there was only one copy submitted, while Section 146 of the Constitution requires that they be submitted in duplicate.

We returned the By-Laws of Coliseum Lodge, No. 146, for the reason that Clause 9, re Sick Benefits, is not Constitutional. Section 106 of the Constitution leaves it optional whether a Lodge shall pay weekly stipulated Sick Benefits or not. If Sick Benefits are paid the amount must be stipulated.

October 29th—

We approved of the amendment to the By-Laws of Ryley Lodge, No. 75.

We approved of the amendment to the By-Laws of Hillhurst Lodge, No. 46.

We approved of the amendment to the By-Laws of Blairmore Lodge, No. 68.

We approved of the amendment to the By-Laws of Big Horn Lodge, No. 138.

December 15—

We returned the By-Laws of Eckville Lodge, No. 155, for the reason that no terms were provided for, and they were not in conformity with Sections 27, 76, and 124, of the Constitution; neither did they state that they had been read at three consecutive meetings, and there was no Seal of the Lodge impressed thereon.

We approved of the By-Laws of Rocky Mountain House Lodge, No. 120, as amended.

January 4th—1930.

We approved the By-Laws of Coliseum Lodge, No. 146.

We approved the By-Laws of Hillhurst Lodge, No. 146, as amended.

We returned the By-Laws of Wainwright Lodge, No. 45, for the reason that Clause 11, re Sick Benefits, was not in conformity with Article No. 106 of the Constitution, second Clause.

We approved of the By-Laws of Mountain View Lodge, No. 4, as amended.

We approved of the By-Laws of Waskasoo Lodge, No. 16.

We approved of the By-Laws of Irma Lodge, No. 56, as amended.

We returned the By-Laws of Century Lodge, No. 100, for the reason that they did not conform to Articles 106 and 112 of the Constitution.

January 21st—

We approved of the By-Laws of Eckville Lodge, No. 155, as amended.

We approved of the By-Laws of Viaduct Lodge, No. 63, as amended.

January 24th—

We again returned the By-Laws of Wainwright Lodge, No. 45, for the reason that only one copy had been signed by the Recording Secretary.

We returned the By-Laws of Foot Hill Lodge, No. 13, for the reason that Clause No. 9 did not conform to Section III of the Constitution.

Trusting our work in this connection will meet with the approval of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. WEBB, P.G.,
Chairman of Committee.

39 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, ETC. OF THE GENERAL
RELIEF BOARD, I.O.O.F., EDMONTON
For the Year Ending December 31, 1929

Detail of Receipts and Disbursements

Receipts

January	1	Balance from 1928	\$ 130.80
	2	Veteran Odd Fellows' Association	10.00
	16	Alberta Encampment No. 1	10.00
	16	Chatham Lodge, No. 29	10.00
	16	Chatham Lodge, No. 29	9.00
	18	Alberta Lodge, No. 1	9.85
	18	W. F. Urquhart	5.00
	31	Norwood Lodge, No. 41	5.35
	31	Friendship Lodge, No. 7	6.25
February	1	Spirit River Lodge, No. 136	30.00
	1	Edmonton Lodge, No. 30	12.25
	4	Lake City Lodge, No. 42	166.00
	4	Minnehaha Lodge, No. 7	30.00
	8	For L. A. McCullough	15.00
	12	Advance Lodge, No. 97	4.25
	15	W. F. Urquhart	11.50
	27	Alberta Lodge, No. 1	.15
	27	Namayo Lodge, No. 47	4.30

February	27	Eureka Encampment Lodge, No. 3	\$ 10.00
	27	Moore Lodge, No. 17	10.00
March	21	Excelsior Lodge, No. 44	8.50
	21	Edson Lodge, No. 92	12.00
April	4	Moore Lodge, No. 17	9.85
	9	Cashmere Lodge, No. 208	32.00
	9	Chatham Lodge, No. 29	.10
	22	Aylmer Lodge, No. 94	40.29
	29	Moore Lodge, No. 17	10.20
	29	Durham Lodge, No. 78	55.00
May	1	Imperial Bank	2.97
	20	Anniversary Committee	7.58
	23	Durham Lodge, No. 78	10.00
	23	Mission Lodge, No. 208	20.15
	23	Moore Lodge, No. 17	5.00
June	7	Purity Reb. Lodge, No. 164	24.85
	7	Excelsior Lodge, No. 44	79.00
	10	Drumheller Lodge, No. 111	20.00
	19	Drumheller Lodge, No. 111	10.00
	26	Drumheller Lodge, No. 111	10.00
July	2	Drumheller Lodge, No. 111	10.00
	10	Drumheller Lodge, No. 111	10.00
	19	Drumheller Lodge, No. 111	10.00
	26	Drumheller Lodge, No. 111	19.85
	29	Jetmore Lodge, No. 305	16.00
	31	Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 57	15.00
	31	Kootenay Lodge, No. 16	154.00
August	10	Drumheller Lodge, No. 111	10.00
	19	Drumheller Lodge, No. 111	10.00
	19	Edson Lodge, No. 92	5.00
	31	Edson Lodge, No. 92	49.85
	31	Drumheller Lodge, No. 111	5.00
Sept.	30	Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 57	12.00
	30	Kootenay Lodge, No. 16	18.90
October	14	J. Johnston	10.00
	14	Norwood Lodge, No. 41	5.30
	14	Advance Lodge, No. 97	4.65
	14	Big Horn Lodge, No. 138	75.00
	24	Namayo Lodge, No. 47	4.15
	24	Friendship Lodge, No. 7	8.95
November	1	Imperial Bank	3.39
			\$1,464.13

Disbursements

January	4	F. W. Watson	\$ 40.00
	14	F. Whitton	40.00
	14	Miss Jones	2.25
February	11	National Trust Co.	165.90
	11	G. Henry	10.00
	25	Alberta Odd Fellow	3.00
	27	J. M. Foley	12.00
March	9	G. Henry	10.00
	13	M. F. Turrill	39.00
	14	M. F. Turrill	1.29
	21	H. S. Hooper	8.50
	25	W. R. Lounsbury	32.00

April	4	N. L. Hamly	\$ 55.00
	6	G. Henry	10.00
	12	W. R. Lounsbury	25.00
	12	Friendship Lodge, No. 7	4.00
	12	A. D. Campbell	5.80
	12	Alberta Odd Fellow	10.30
	27	G. Henry	5.00
May	27	N. L. Hamly	10.00
	4	W. R. Lounsbury	20.00
	13	F. C. Hooper	79.00
	27	G. Spracklin	10.00
June	4	L. C. White	10.00
	10	G. Spracklin	10.00
	19	G. Spracklin	10.00
	26	G. Spracklin	10.00
	26	A. D. Campbell	3.40
July	2	G. Spracklin	10.00
	4	J. W. Edgar	15.00
	6	G. R. Moore	154.00
	6	Friendship Lodge, No. 7	2.00
	10	Alberta Odd Fellow	17.34
	10	G. Spracklin	10.00
	18	G. Spracklin	10.00
	26	G. Spracklin	10.00
August	2	J. W. Edgar	12.00
	3	G. Spracklin	9.85
	12	G. Spracklin	10.00
	19	G. Spracklin	10.00
	19	F. Whitton	5.00
	23	G. R. Moore	88.00
	31	G. Spracklin	5.00
Sept.	4	Howard and McBride	49.85
	30	A. D. Campbell	2.30
October	14	Duluth Lodge, No. 28	10.00
	15	Connelly & McKinley	75.00
Nov.	14	Friendship Lodge, No. 7	2.00
Dec.	13	Friendship Lodge, No. 7	2.00
	13	Alberta Odd Fellow	5.10
	30	A. D. Campbell	52.00
			\$1,213.88
	31	Credit Balance	250.25
			\$1,464.13

SUMMARY**Receipts**

Balance, January 1, 1920	\$ 130.80
Sick Benefits	602.84
Funeral Benefits	449.75
Relief	166.35
Flowers	49.65
Donations	7.58
Per Capita Tax	50.80
Bank Interest	6.36
	\$1,464.13

Disbursements

Sick Benefits -----	\$ 592.60
Funeral Benefits -----	340.85
Relief -----	144.85
Flowers -----	45.00
Rent -----	10.00
Salaries -----	50.00
Miscellaneous -----	51.49
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Balance, December 31, 1929 -----	1,213.88
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	250.25
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	\$1,464.13

BALANCE SHEET**Assets**

Cash in Bank -----	\$ 250.25
Burial Plot -----	340.00
Edmonton Lodge, No. 30 (approximate amount) -----	12.00
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	\$ 602.25

Liabilities

— Nil —

DEATHS

January 17—T. Ferguson, Lake City Lodge, No. 42, Chicago.
 March 15—J. H. Slack, St. Mary's Lodge, St. Mary's Ont.
 April 28—H. S. Hooper, Excelsior Lodge, No. 44, Hamilton, Ont.
 July 24—W. Gibbs, Edson Lodge, No. 92, Edson, Alta.
 August 14—M. Zelinsky, Big Horn Lodge, No. 138, Mountain Park, Alta.
 December 17—J. Williamson, Cadomin Lodge, No. 152, Cadomin, Alta.

Letters and Notices sent out—620.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that we, your Audit Committee, have examined the books, vouchers and papers in the possession of your Secretary-Treasurer, and find them to be correct and in good order; and that the balances shown represent a true statement of the affairs of the Board for the year 1929.

E. R. WHITELEY,
 S. G. McARTHUR,
 F. R. MACKAY,

January 8, 1930.

Auditors.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

Secretary-Treasurer.

40 GENERAL RELIEF BOARD, I.O.O.F., CALGARY, ALTA.
Financial Statement for the Year Ending December 31st, 1929

Receipts

January	31	Emerald Lodge, No. 173	\$ 25.00
	31	Enterprise Lodge, No. 2	88.00
	31	Sandstone City Lodge, No. 17	35.85
March	1	High River Lodge, No. 22	86.00
	1	Centennial Lodge, No. 463	25.00
	1	Grand Lodge of Alberta	20.00
	1	Columbia Lodge, No. 2	10.00
	1	Alberta Lodge, No. 1	37.20
	1	Crescent Lodge, No. 81	16.05
	1	Bracebridge Lodge, No. 251	8.00
	1	St. George Lodge, No. 39	24.30
	1	Coleman Lodge, No. 36	3.00
	1	Bracebridge Lodge, No. 251	25.00
	1	Chorazin Lodge, No. 190	16.00
	1	Dolman Lodge, No. 174	9.00
	1	Enterprise Lodge, No. 2	72.00
	1	Hillhurst Lodge, No. 46	12.90
	1	Mt. Fernie Lodge, No. 47	12.00
	1	Ottanabee Lodge, No. 13	53.73
April	3	Union Lodge, No. 14	23.00
	3	Chorazin Lodge, No. 190	2.64
	22	Grand Lodge Dance Proceeds	106.20
	26	Royal Lodge, No. 86	11.55
	26	Bracebridge Lodge, No. 251	8.00
	26	Grand Lodge of Alberta	20.00
	26	Norwood Lodge, No. 41	10.00
May	31	Enterprise Lodge, No. 2	80.00
	31	Columbia Lodge, No. 2	20.00
	31	Grand Lodge of Alberta	40.00
Sept.	27	Refunds of Loans	54.00
	27	Ahiram Lodge, No. 205	19.00
	27	Enterprise Lodge, No. 2	22.00
October	25	Harmony Rebekah Lodge, No. 11	3.75
	25	Swift Current Lodge, No. 28	3.00
	25	Gleichen Lodge, No. 144	5.80
	25	Refunds of Loans	9.00
Nov.	29	Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 3	45.00
			\$1,061.97
		Bank Balance as at January 1st, 1929	421.38
		Grand Total	\$1,483.35

Disbursements

January	11	Special Relief (Fountain Lodge, No. 401)	\$ 25.00
	11	Enterprise Lodge, No. 2, Walla Walla, Wash.	30.00
	11	Special Relief, Bro. Chudeck	10.00
	11	Jas. Morris (Wreath)	5.00
	19	Bracebridge Lodge, No. 251, Bracebridge, Ont.	4.00
	19	Columbia Lodge, No. 2, Victoria, B.C.	10.00
	19	Ottanabee Lodge, No. 13, Peterborough, Ont.	10.00
	25	High River Lodge, No. 22	36.00
	25	Special Relief, Bro. Chudeck	10.00

January	31	Chorazin Lodge, No. 190, London, Ont.	\$ 16.00
February	2	Special Relief, Bro. Chudeck	3.00
	2	High River Lodge, No. 22	25.00
	2	Bracebridge Lodge, No. 251	25.00
	2	Centennial Lodge, No. 463, Windsor, Ont.	15.00
	2	Dolman Lodge, No. 174, Ayr, Ontario	0.00
	11	Enterprise Lodge, No. 2	30.00
	11	Bracebridge Lodge, No. 251	4.00
	18	Mt. Fernie Lodge, No. 47, Fernie, B.C.	12.00
	18	Special Relief, Bro. Chudeck	10.00
	23	Can. Pac. Ry. Telegraphs	1.23
	23	Can. Nat. Ry. Telegraphs	1.28
	23	High River Lodge, No. 22	25.00
	24	The Alberta Odd Fellow (Card)	5.25
	24	Ottanabee Lodge, No. 13	23.73
	28	Union Lodge, No. 14, Winnipeg, Man.	15.00
March	1	Grand Lodge of Alberta (Supplies)	3.00
	2	Special Relief, Bro. J. E. Battersby	5.00
	3	Centennial Lodge, No. 463	10.00
	6	Chorazin Lodge, No. 190	2.64
	13	Bracebridge Lodge, No. 251	8.00
	13	Enterprise Lodge, No. 2	30.00
	13	Gleichen Lodge, No. 144	10.00
	15	Special Relief, Bro. J. E. Battersby	10.00
	30	Union Lodge, No. 14	8.00
April	3	Special Relief, Bro. Chudeck	10.00
	4	Jas. Morris (Wreath)	10.00
	13	Ottanabee Lodge, No. 13	10.00
	13	Can. Pac. Ry. Telegraphs	1.49
	15	Enterprise Lodge, No. 2	30.00
	26	Columbia Lodge, No. 2	20.00
May	3	Special Relief, Mrs. Evans	3.00
	11	Special Relief, Bro. Chudeck	39.20
June	1	Expense Account, Bro. D. F. Christie	56.34
	3	Enterprise Lodge, No. 2	60.00
	3	Ahiram Lodge, No. 205, Paisley, Ont.	10.00
	3	Special Relief, Bro. L. C. Smith	10.00
	7	Special Relief, Bro. H. V. Golding	5.00
	8	Special Relief, Bro. Chudeck	10.00
	19	Expense Account, Bro. J. R. Dimma	15.00
July	24	Special Relief to a Calgary Brother	20.00
	27	Special Relief, Bro. A. A. Oxley	8.00
August	3	Can. Pac. Ry. Telegraphs	1.30
Sept.	21	Can. Pac. Ry. Telegraphs	2.50
October	7	Special Relief, Two Members	5.50
	21	Enterprise Lodge, No. 2	5.80
	24	Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 3	45.00
Dec.	12	Special Relief, Bro. Albert Richard	3.25
	12	Can. Pac. Ry. Telegraphs	1.25
	20	Ottanabee Lodge, No. 13	10.00
	21	Ahiram Lodge, No. 205	20.00
	28	Expense Account, Bro. J. R. Dimma	14.50
	28	Expense Account, Bro. D. F. Christie	27.50
			\$ 919.82
Dec.	31	Bank Balances	563.53
		Total	\$1,483.35

SUMMARY**Receipts**

Sick Benefits Refunded -----	\$ 575.17
Special Relief Refunded -----	227.75
Proceeds of Grand Lodge Dance -----	106.20
Calgary Lodges Assessment -----	137.85
Flowers Account Refund -----	15.00
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	\$1,061.07
Bank Balances, January 1st, 1929 -----	421.38
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Total -----	\$1,483.35

Disbursements

Sick Benefits -----	\$ 477.17
Special Relief -----	297.01
Grand Lodge Supplies -----	2.00
Flowers (Wreaths) -----	15.00
General Expenses, Postage, Etc. -----	27.64
Salaries -----	100.00
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	\$ 919.82
Bank Balances, December 31st, 1929 -----	563.53
Total -----	\$1,483.35

Number of Special Relief Cases during the year ----- 21
 Number of Sick Benefit and other cases, during the year ----- 36
 Total ----- 57

It is with deep regret that we have to record the following three deaths of members of the Order on whose behalf we were called upon to be of some assistance:

Bros. Chas. Sweet, of Norwood Lodge, No. 41, Edmonton, Alberta.
 Bro. W. J. Hassard, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, U.S.A.
 Bro. Chas. Herring, of Emerald Lodge, No. 173, Dunville, Ont.
 Our sympathy goes out to those who have sustained the loss of their loved ones.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

D. F. CHRISTIE,
Secretary.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, and papers of the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Calgary General Relief Board, I.O.O.F., and find them to be correct and in good order and that the balances shown represent an accurate statement of the affairs of the Board for the year 1929.

E. T. WADDELL,
GEO. A. VICE,

Auditors.

Calgary, January 10, 1930.

Auditor's Report

Calgary, January 28th, 1930

To the Directors,
Alberta Oddfellows' Temple, Limited,
Calgary.

Gentlemen:

I have conducted an audit of the books of your Company for the fiscal period ended 31st December, 1929, and append herewith the following statements:—

Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 1929.

Revenue Account for the year.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements.

Comparative Statement of Revenue and Operating for the past three years.

I have to report that all my requirements as Auditor have been complied with; that full and sufficient vouchers have been furnished me, and all information and explanations required by me have been satisfactorily answered.

The Balance in the Bank Account has been verified and certified to me. The Balance outstanding on rentals is considered good and collectible.

The usual rates of depreciation have been allowed on the building and furniture and fixtures, and I have also written off \$288.33 on account of the improvements mentioned in my Report of 1928.

The result of the year's operations are very satisfactory, but while the gross revenue shows a reduction, there has been a corresponding reduction in the cost of operating the building and in the administrative expenses; the net result showing a profit of \$163.43, to which has been added the accrued interest on the Provincial Bonds of \$31.84.

I have also examined the Alberta Government Savings Certificates and find same to be in order.

Subject to the foregoing remarks, I certify the attached Balance Sheet exhibits a true and correct statement of the financial position of your Company as disclosed by the books and information supplied.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. IRELAND,

Chartered Accountant,
Auditor.

ALBERTA ODDFELLOWS' TEMPLE, LIMITED, CALGARY

Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 1929

Assets

Balance in Imperial Bank, Calgary-----	\$ 861.57
Province of Alberta Savings Certificates -----	\$ 3,500.00
Accrued Interest -----	31.84

	3,531.84
Sundry Debtors:	
Accounts Receivable -----	363.50
Deposit Gas Company -----	5.00

Real Estate -----	26,090.00
Building -----	\$122,000.00
Less Depreciation -----	12,200.00

Furniture and Fixtures -----	\$ 12,580.37
Less Depreciation -----	2,400.00

Improvements -----	10,180.37
	1,581.88

Deferred Charges:	
Unexpired Insurance -----	46.40

	\$152,460.56

Liabilities**Mortgages:**

Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation-----	\$ 12,000.00
Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F. Loan -----	5,000.00

Rental paid in advance -----	17,000.00
	5.00

	\$17,005.00

Capital Account Authorized:

Whereof issued-----	
7,711 Shares of \$10.00 each, par value-----	\$77,110.00
Less unpaid calls -----	3,030.40

Capital Reserve -----	73,479.60
	66,047.35

	139,526.95

Deficiency Account:

Balance, January 1st, 1929-----	\$4,266.66
Less Profit as per Revenue Account-----	197.27

	4,071.39

	135,455.56

Calgary, January 28th, 1930.

\$152,460.56

I hereby certify that I have audited the books of the above Company and that all my requirements as Auditor under the Companies Act have been complied with. I further certify the foregoing Balance Sheet exhibits a true and correct statement of the financial position of the Company as disclosed by their books and information supplied.

WM. IRELAND,

Chartered Accountant,
Auditor.

**ALBERTA ODDFELLOWS' TEMPLE, LIMITED, CALGARY
REVENUE ACCOUNT**

For Twelve Months Ended 31st December, 1929

By Gross Rental Revenue -----	\$ 16,887.71
To Cost of Operating Building:	
Janitor Service -----	\$ 1,827.10
Elevator Service -----	946.50
Heating -----	1,278.30
Light -----	374.46
Repairs -----	835.68
Water -----	111.65
Taxes and License Fees -----	3,562.32
Insurance -----	460.44
Elevator Maintenance -----	641.60
Telephone -----	150.50
Supplies -----	126.56
Workmen's Compensation -----	70.21
Advertising -----	43.68
	----- 10,429.00
Profit on Operations -----	\$ 6,458.71
To Administrative Expense:	
Secretary's Salary -----	\$ 800.00
Office Rent -----	220.00
Interest and Exchange -----	5.15
Interest on Grand Lodge Loan -----	275.00
Interest on Canada Permanent Loan -----	877.50
Audit Fee -----	90.00
Office Expense -----	10.15
General Expense -----	47.95
Stamps -----	16.20
Fidelity Bond -----	15.00
	----- 2,356.95
	\$ 4,101.76
To Depreciation:	
Building -----	\$ 3,050.00
Furniture and Fixtures -----	600.00
Improvements -----	288.33
	----- 3,938.33
	\$ 163.43
Plus accrued Interest on Provincial Bonds -----	31.84

	\$ 195.27

ALEBERTA ODDFELLOWS' TEMPLE, LIMITED, CALGARY

	Comparative Statement for Years	1929	1928	1927
Gross Revenue	\$ 16,887.71	\$ 17,081.67	\$ 17,116.24	
Operating Expense:				
Janitor Service	\$ 1,827.10	\$ 1,862.25	\$ 1,200.00	
Elevator	946.50	968.50	1,258.75	
Heating	1,278.30	1,222.68	1,738.47	
Light	374.46	328.45	292.13	
Repairs	835.68	1,405.83	949.20	
Water	111.65	147.52	147.07	
Taxes and Licenses	3,592.32	3,515.99	3,733.22	
Insurance	460.44	565.26	631.50	
Elevator Maintenance	641.60	349.97	349.06	
Telephone	150.50	162.00	162.00	
Supplies	126.56	554.08	209.10	
Workmen's Compensation	70.21	-----	-----	
Advertising	43.68	-----	-----	
	\$ 10,429.00	\$ 11,082.53	\$ 10,670.50	
Administrative Expense:				
Secretary's Salary	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	
Office Rent	220.00	240.00	-----	
General Expense	47.95	-----	81.00	
Interest and Exchange	5.15	3.95	6.75	
Interest on Grand Lodge Loan	275.00	275.00	275.00	
Interest on Mortgage	877.50	1,007.63	1,248.32	
Stamps	16.20	23.05	15.60	
Audit Fee	90.00	90.00	90.00	
Office Expense	10.15	-----	-----	
Fidelity Bond	15.00	-----	-----	
Discharging Mortgage	-----	-----	107.25	
	\$ 2,356.95	\$ 2,439.63	\$ 2,623.92	

ALBERTA ODDFELLOWS' TEMPLE, LIMITED, CALGARY

**Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from January 1st
to December 31st, 1929.**

Receipts

To Balance in Bank, January 1st, 1929	\$ 3,085.70
To Rental Collections	16,450.71
To Proceeds from Sale of Desk	15.00
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	\$19,551.41

Disbursements

By City of Calgary Taxes	\$ 3,509.82
" Canada Permanent Mortgage Co., Principal	\$2,000.00
Interest	877.50
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" Interest on Grand Lodge Loan	1,527.10
" Salaries—Janitor	946.50
Elevatorman	800.00
Secretary	
" Light	374.46
" Heating	1,278.30
" Water	111.65
" Insurance	167.79
" Repairs	813.57
" Elevator Maintenance	641.60
" Stamps	16.20
" Phone	150.50
" Exchange	5.15
" Advertising	43.68
" Workmen's Compensation Board	70.21
" License Fees	52.50
" Audit	90.00
" Supplies	126.56
" General Expense	47.95
" Office Expense	10.15
" Fidelity Bond	15.00
" Paving	22.11
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" Furniture and Fixtures	7,310.98
" Permanent Improvements	73.83
" Purchase Provincial Government Bonds	1,005.21
" Balance in Bank	3,500.00
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	\$19,551.41